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DASH TO ESCAPE BY GRAF SPEE PREDICTED

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SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS DESPATCHES REPORTING THAT A SECOND GERMAN POCKET-BATTLESHIP, THE ADMIRAL SCHEER, IS IN THE VICINITY OF THE ARGENTINE COAST, AND MAY SEEK TO CREATE A DIVERSION TO PERMIT THE ESCAPE OF THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE, HAVE CAUSED SPECULATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER BIG NAVAL ACTION.

It seems certain that the Admiral Graf Spee will make a bid to escape. How long she is to be permitted to stay in Montevideo is not yet known, but it is stated that a time limit of 72 hours has now been fixed by the Uruguayan Government. This time limit is said to be the result of a report by the Uruguayan naval authorities, who state that while her armament and superstructure is badly shattered, there is no doubt that she is navigable.

If she could enter Montevideo under full power, she is capable of leaving under full power.

Yesterday, she was taking on supplies of fuel, indicating the intention of her commander to attempt to elude the Allied warships on the watch for her outside.

DUNKERQUE ON SPOT

In addition to Ajax, Achilles, Barham, Cumberland, and two destroyers, the French battleship, Dunkerque, built as an answer to the pocket-battleships, is reported to have joined the "death-watch," while a London statement says that a British aircraft-carrier and battle-cruiser are in close proximity, and it is recalled that only ten days ago, the Ark Royal and Renown were in Cape Town.

Misty weather prevails in the Uruguayan coastal area and there is a possibility that the commander of the Admiral Graf Spee may attempt to take advantage of this to steal away.—Reuter.

EARLIER REPORT OF INDECISION

Buenos Aires, To-day.
The Uruguayan Government was reported last evening to be still undecided as to
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ability of—

(a) adopting an official time for the Colony one hour, or part of one hour, in advance of the time of the 120th meridian East of Greenwich for the whole or for part of the year, and

(b) limiting by statute the number of hours per diem during which workers in shops and factories may be employed.

SHORTER HOURS FOR H.K. LABOUR?

It is officially announced that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following to be members of a Committee to consider further the question of daylight saving:—

The Honourable Mr. Henry Robert Butters, Chairman,
David Kelvin-Stark, Esq.,
The Director of Royal Observatory,
Chau Tsun-nin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Maurice Frederick Key, Esq., O.B.E.,
John Finnie, Esq.,
Tso Hok-yu, Esq.,
Reginald Albert Camidge, Esq.,
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(2) the coal used in the generation of the Colony's electric light supply is largely purchased from countries outside the sterling group;

(3) the majority of the shops and many of the factories in Hong Kong are open to a late hour of night; to examine and report on the advis-

ADOLF LEONHARDT SUNK

Capetown, To-day.

It is officially announced that the German vessel Adolf Leonhardt (2,989 tons), when intercepted by a British warship, scuttled herself.

The crew of 25 were landed and transferred to the custody of the South African authorities.—Reuter.

VIOLENT WESTERN FRONT OPERATIONS

Paris, To-day.

Operations on the western front are gradually assuming a more violent aspect, although still limited to encounters between patrols and reconnaissance detachments.

The numbers employed in these encounters are growing greater and the fighting is becoming hardened.

In the past 24 hours two strong German reconnoitring detachments approached our lines at Blies.

Their activity almost reached that of a raid.

In the Vosges district, where the frontier line runs through a forest, a long and lively engagement took place between French and German detachments, each consisting of about 30 to 40 men.

THE COMMUNIQUE

Last night's French war communiqué said there were a few encounters between advanced units in the region immediately west of the Vosges.—Reuter.

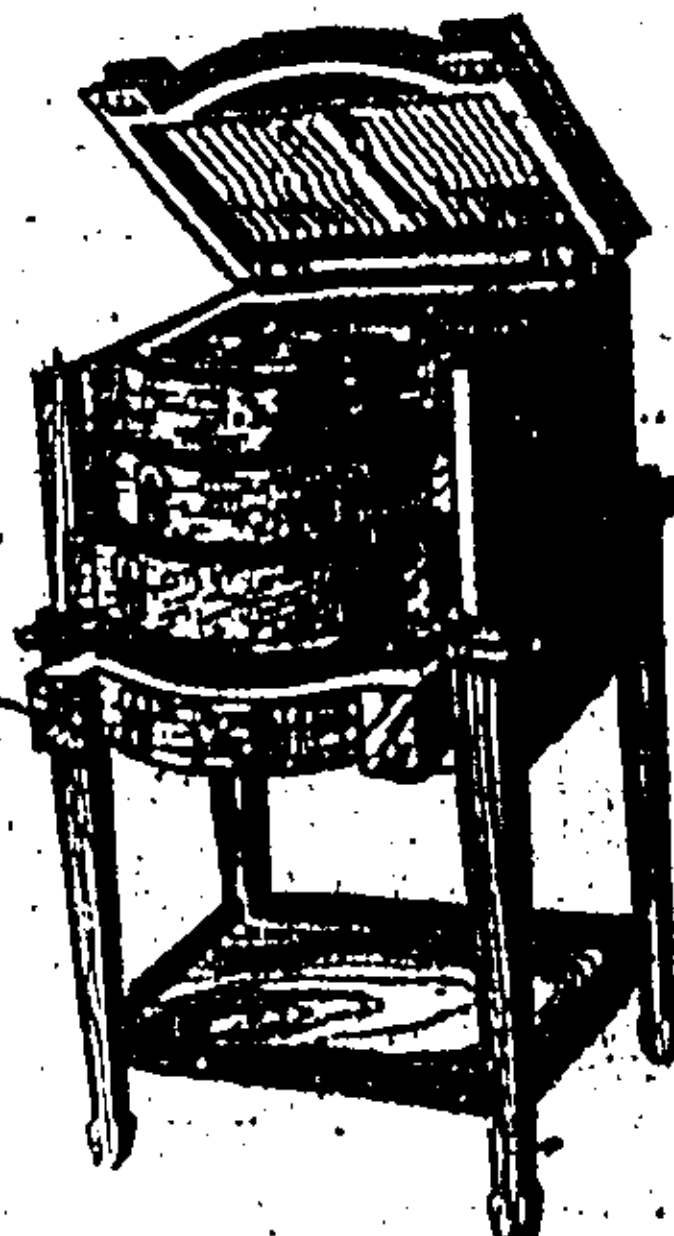
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G. H. Q. FOR PLAN TO SMASH BRITAIN

London, Nov. 29.

A strategic G.H.Q. for putting into effect Germany's boasted resolve to "smash the British Empire" has been established in Berlin. Cash and propaganda are the chosen weapons. Any shortage of the former is compensated by the abundance of the latter.

Hitler has assembled a committee of "experts" whose job it is to think out likely schemes for disrupting the Empire. The German Foreign Office and the external department of the Gestapo have pooled their resources in furtherance of the plan.

An opening broadside in this new campaign was fired over the short-wave radio at the "ladies and gentlemen of the Far East." It took the form of an harangue by a "guest from India who has been living for some time in Germany." Listeners had to wait patiently while he repaid this hospitality by extolling the Fuehrer.

"Hear Hitler and learn from him," urged this Nazi Indian. Then, having lavished extravagant praise on his hosts, he launched into the expected denunciation of Britain's "exploitation" of India.

Such propaganda is cheap. The experts of the "smash-the-Empire" G.H.Q. will find it less easy to carry out the second part of the task which Hitler has laid upon them. They are to launch movements of disaffection. When started, these are to be financed from Berlin—if the war nearer home leaves any money to spare.

At present the Nazis are bending their efforts on India, Palestine and Eire. They are also reported to be working hopefully on South Africa and Malta.

POTATO CELLULOSE

Though Germans have been assured

that "there will be no paper, clothes, as in the last war," some of them will soon be wearing garments made from potato haulm—stems and stalks.

A special factory has been established in Thuringia for drying the dead tops of potatoes and converting them into cellulose. This, together with cellulose made from straw, will be used to augment Germany's dwindling supply of textile thread.

CHILDREN'S SHOE EXCHANGE

The Nazi party has opened in various towns children's "shoe exchange." Here mothers bring their children's outgrown footwear to exchange for larger sizes. It is a condition of exchange that the shoes must not be worn out.

New shoes are not rationed, but they can be bought only by permit. To obtain a permit the applicant has to prove that he has only one pair of shoes fit to wear. This rigid regulation overlooks the needs of children who outgrow their shoes. The new "shoe exchanges" are an attempt to solve the problem.

BEST OF THE DAY

Dr. Goebbels's Propaganda Ministry apparently keeps a card-index of "British lies." The Berlin radio announcer must have consulted it yesterday when he declared:

"Chamberlain has not succeeded in convicting Germany of a single lie, whereas we have produced documentary proof of 200 British lies."

There were, he added, many hundreds of other lies which it was not worth while to refute. Among them, presumably, was Mr. Chamberlain's statement that he tried to prevent war. This the announcer dismissed, without documentary evidence, as "sheer blasphemy."

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EXAGGERATED NAZI CLAIMS IN AIR CLASH WITH R.A.F.

London, To-day.
THE GERMANS NOW CLAIM that in Thursday's dog-fight over the North Sea, 20 British planes took part and of these 10 were shot down. One German report puts the German losses at—one! In actual fact, of course, the number of British bombers in the battle was 12, of which three failed to return. At the same time, 4 Messerschmidts were shot down, the latter including one of the new two-engined models.

The British bombers were flying at an altitude of only about 100 feet, under low, murky clouds. They sighted, and attacked, a small fleet consisting of a German warship, a cruiser, some destroyers and a submarine.

The German warships opened up with all their anti-aircraft guns.

Six waves of Messerschmidts, in rapid succession, came over and in between fighting off these attacks, the British bombers were surrounded by anti-aircraft shells.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI TAXIS

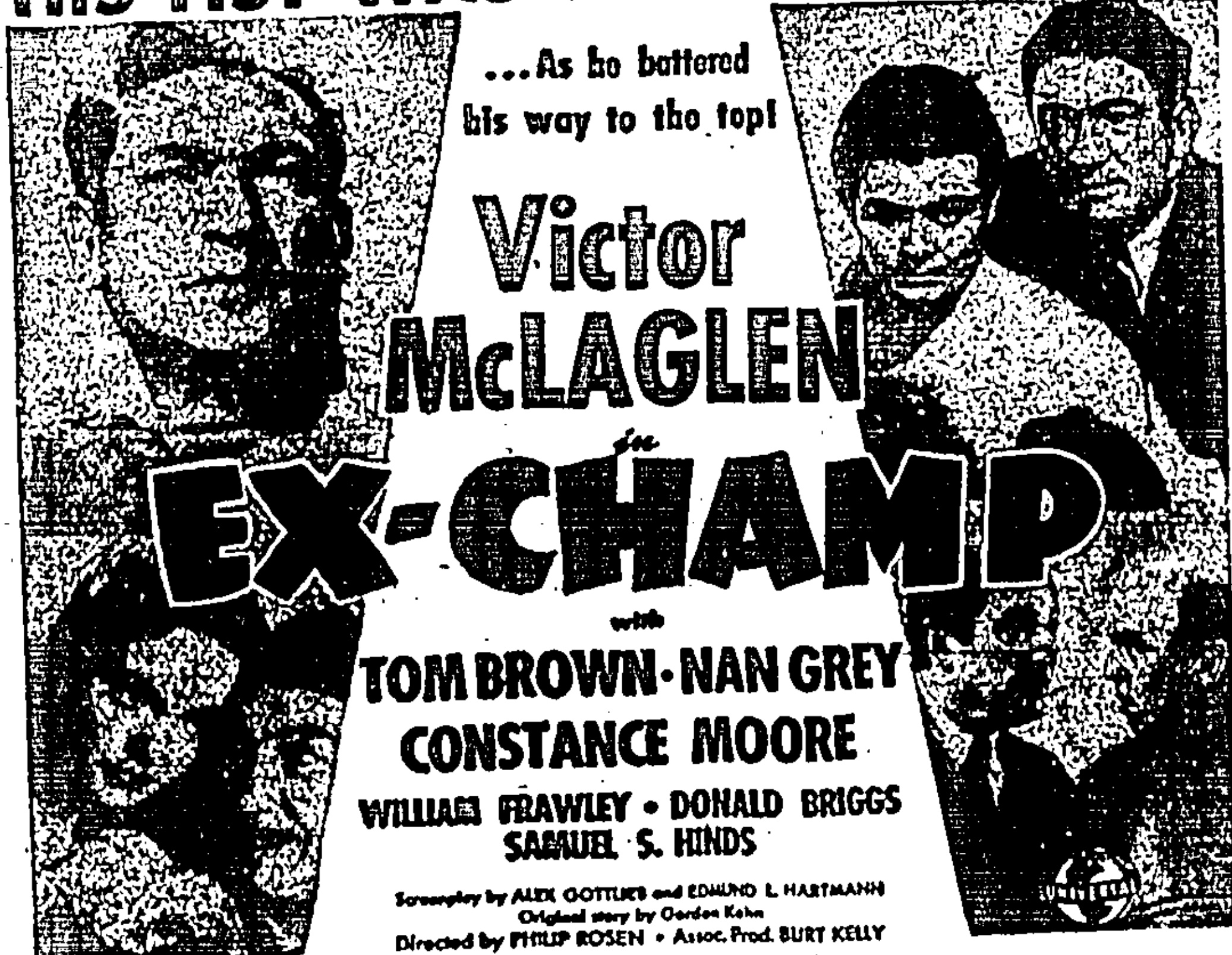
The Shanghai correspondent of the local "Ta Kung Pao," reported last night that the Japanese taxicab company announced yesterday that beginning from January 1, 1940, fares will be accepted only in Japanese Military banknotes.

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POOL LINE SKIPPERS DECORATED FOR GALLANT FIGHTS AGAINST U-BOATS

London, To-day.

THE AWARD OF THE O.B.E. to Capt. Sydney Edward Batson (Master of the steamer Heronspool), Capt. William Herbert Harland (Master of the steamer Rockpool) and the M.B.E. to John George Pearson (gun-layer of the Heronspool) and Thomas Watkins (gun-layer of the Rockpool) is announced in last night's London Gazette.

Describing the actions in which the two steamers were involved, the Gazette says that towards sunset the Heronspool observed a U-boat shelling a tanker.

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The Master altered course and at about 8.30 p.m. the U-boat signalled the Heronspool, which fired twice.

The U-boat dived and reappeared at 11 p.m. Two further shots were fired by the Heronspool and the U-boat again dived and dodged from quarter to quarter.

Four more shots were fired, and the U-boat finally overhauled the Heronspool at 1 o'clock in the morning.

The merchant-ship's only hope of escape was to score a direct hit, though there was not much hope of this at night.

She was torpedoed.

ROCKPOOL ADVENTURE

Describing the Rockpool's adventures, the Gazette says a U-boat suddenly appeared on her beam.

The Rockpool was fired at twice, and the Master altered course and brought his gun into action.

Thirteen rounds were fired, drenching the enemy with spray.

The U-boat fired 20 shells but the Rockpool was not hit and zigzagged to safety behind a screen of smoke floats after a chase lasting 75 minutes.

The Royal Navy subsequently destroyed the U-boat.—Reuter.

POLISH AIRMEN IN R.A.F.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

R.A.F. UNIFORMS WILL BE DONNED TO-DAY BY A DETACHMENT OF POLISH AIRMEN WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINING TO BECOME THE FIRST OF SEVERAL POLISH SQUADRONS INCORPORATED IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

These squadrons will be entirely self-supporting. The pilots, observers, gunners, wireless operators and maintenance staff are all Poles.

The detachment, which includes several ace pilots, has evoked the enthusiasm and admiration of members of the R.A.F.—Reuter.

RICE SHOP LOOTING IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

LOOTING OF RICE SHOPS CONTINUED YESTERDAY OVER 50 FIRMS BEING RAIDED, MOSTLY IN THE WEST PART OF THE CITY.

Police guards have been supplied to all rice dealers in the jurisdiction of the International and French Concessions.

Several additional rice hoarders were arrested by the French and S.M.C. Police yesterday.

A further drop in the price of rice was registered yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

R.A.F. BOMB SEAPLANES AT MOORINGS

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry announcement issued at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon said that the R.A.F. again patrolled the Nazi bases at Borkum, Norderney and Sylt during the night and the early hours of the morning.

Enemy seaplanes observed at their moorings were attacked with bombs.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TOLL OF THE SEA

Oslo, To-day.

The owners of the Norwegian steamer Forina (1,674 tons) have been notified by the British Admiralty that the ship sunk as a result of striking a mine off the east coast of Scotland.

She had a crew of 18. A lifeboat with the bodies of two men was found.—Reuter.

TANKER DAMAGED

London, To-day.

The London tanker Alberto, 4,400 tons, has been damaged by enemy action off the south-west coast of England. One man is missing.—Reuter.

STANWOOD SUNK

London, To-day.

The British s.s. Stanwood, of 4,000 tons, has sunk in Falmouth Harbour, with the loss of one life.

She sank while attempts were being made to put out a fire which had started in her cargo.—Reuter.

BELGIAN SHIP MINED

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian s.s. Rosa, of 1,100 tons, has been sunk by an explosion off the North-East Coast. One man was killed and two were injured. The rest of her crew of 15 have been landed safely.—Reuter.

*** The Rosa was owned by L. Hermans, of Bruges and was a vessel of 1,103 tons gross. Built at Amsterdam in 1919, she was some 230 feet long.

TRAWLER SUNK

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique issued at 7.50 last evening announced that H. M. trawler James Ludford was mined and sunk with the loss of two officers and 15 ratings.—Reuter.

SHIPS SUNK IN NEUTRAL WATERS

London, To-day.

Reuter learns authoritatively that two British steamers and a Greek vessel were sunk within territorial waters off the Norwegian coast last week.

The British ships were the Deptford and Thomas Walton, and the Greek was the steamer Paralos.—Reuter.

H.K. AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Colonial Police Medal for conspicuous gallantry to the following members of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Fire Brigade:—

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HONG KONG
Friday, 15th December, 1939.

OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the following deaths:—
Pte. E. Tucker, Stanley Platoon, on 23.11.39.

Pte. Pang Chak Sang, No. 7 Company, on 10.12.39.

QUALIFICATION — GUN LAYERS
The following personnel of 1st Battery qualified as Gun Layers at an examination held on 27.11.39.

Sgt. R. Sleaf, Bdr. J. L. Hsley, Bdr. P. B. Wilson, Bdr. L. C. Millington, L/Bdr. F. J. Anslow, L/Bdr. D. H. C. Taylor, and L/Bdr. A. J. Stephen.

Gnr. W. Hewitt, Gnr. G. P. Stone, Gnr. N. Spence, Gnr. J. J. Ferguson, Gnr. D. E. Smith, Gnr. M. J. Harkins, and Gnr. G. P. Charlton.

QUALIFICATION — D. E. L. LIGHTS
The following personnel of 3rd Battery qualified on 2 D.E.L. Lights test on 8.12.39.

Gnr. C. Y. Chiu, Gnr. F. Sze-To, Gnr. F. C. Chan and Gnr. W. Ip.

HOLIDAYS

Corps Headquarters will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from 1 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd December to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 27th December.

PARADES

1ST BATTERY

Tuesday, 19th December. (i) Those detailed. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. D.R.F. Dress — Overalls and caps. (ii) Remainder. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill. Dress—Overalls, caps, belts and frogs. Friday, 22nd December. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Gun drill for Recruits and D.R.F. for those detailed.

4TH BATTERY

Friday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Camp Pay. All members must attend.

5TH BATTERY

Monday, 18th December. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All Officers and N.C.O.'s. Dress—Muff.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS
Monday, 18th December. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry and drill. Last day for Camp pay.

Thursday, 21st December. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Party Commanders. Preparation of works cards Remainder. Technical training by sections.

CORPS SIGNALS

Monday, 18th December. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training. Friday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training. Christmas recess. There will be no further parades until Monday, 8th January, 1940.

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Monday, 18th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All Classes. M. G. instruction. Friday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All Classes. M. G. instruction.

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON
Monday, 18th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. instruction. A Class, instruments. B Class, T.O.E.G.D. C Class, Stripping and assembling. N.C.O.'s. Cadre under Sgt. Cash.

Friday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. parade under Sgt. Cash.

NO. 1 COMPANY

NOS. 1 & 2 PLATOON

Tuesday, 19th December. H. Q. 5.30 As company programme.

Friday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Under O. C. Company's arrangements.

NO. 4 (TROOP) PLATOON

Tuesday, 19th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

Friday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Wednesday, 20th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. B Class. M. G. training. Stop-ages.

Thursday, 21st December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Lecture—Discipline.

There will be no further parade until Thursday, 11th January, 1940.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Sunday, 17th December. Peak Range. Musketry. Those detailed parade at H. Q. at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Optional.

Monday, 21st December. Training as in Company programme.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Sunday, 17th Dec. Stonecutters. Rifle Table B. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Optional, but equipment must be taken. Range Officer—2/Lt. D. E. Davis.

Monday, 18th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. N.C.O.'s. examination.

Wednesday, 20th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. N.C.O.'s. examination.

Wednesday, 20th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Infantry drill.

Friday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L. G. instruction.

NO. 5 COMPANY

Tuesday, 19th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Class A, Part 1 A.M.G.C. Class B. Fire orders including indication and recognition of targets. Class C. E.G.D.

NO. 6 COMPANY

Tuesday, 19th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Monday, 18th December. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. L. G. training. No. 1 Platoon. Rifle training, No. 2 Platoon. As per Company schedule.

Thursday, 21st December. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. Rifle training, No. 1 Platoon. L. G. training, No. 2 Platoon.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY
Sunday, 17th December. R.A.S.C. Camber. 9.30 a.m. Transport Section—those detailed. Driving instruction—learners only.

Monday, 18th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. parade.

Tuesday, 19th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. All members are required to attend for fitting Box respirators, greatcoat issue, etc. Dress—optional.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 20th December. Murray parade ground. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Uniform as for last Wednesday.

Friday, 22nd December. 5.30 p.m. Companies parade separately at St. Paul's College for lectures First Aid.

PAY SECTION

Those detailed.

APPOINTMENT

2746, L/Cpl. K. W. Salter, No. 4 Coy. Acting Sgt. 14.12.39.

TRANSFERS

2636, Sgt. F. Brett, Mob. Col. H. Q. Armd. C. Pl. 11.12.39.
DR109, Pte. R. F. Gregory, M. M. Pl.

Armd. C. Pl. 10.11.39.
2575, Spr. J. M. Wilson, R.O.D.C., Contn. Sec. Fd. Coy. Engs. 7.12.39.

2746, L/Cpl. K. W. Salter, No. 1 Coy. No. 4 Coy. 14.12.39.

3793, Gnr. W. A. Tansley, 4th Bty. 5th A. A. Bty. 4.12.39.

2076, Bdr. T. Knox, 4th Bty. Unit Res. 15.12.39.
3528, Sgm. J. Lyle, Corps Sigs. Stanley Pl. 15.12.39.

LEAVE

3692, Pte. I. Lang, No. 2 Coy. 26.8.39.—31.3.40.

3184, Pte. P. P. Mari, Fd. Ambulance. 12.12.39.—11.1.40.

DR1. Gnr. J. E. MacDonald, 2nd Bty. 15.12.39.—14.1.40.

Major L. T. Ride, Fd. Ambulance. 16.12.39.—31.10.40.

2972 Spr. E. Wongtape, Fd. Coy. Engs. 16.12.39.—1.1.40.

DR73, Pte. L. A. Lewis, A. S. C. Coy. 13.12.39.—27.12.39.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Those recruits who have not yet been examined will parade on Friday, 22nd December at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS—UP TO

20,12.39
3rd Battery—34121/117.

2nd Battery—34121/Stanley exchange.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

3776, Pte. E. Tucker, Stanley Platoon. 23.11.39.

3074, Pte. C. S. Pang, No. 7 Coy. 10.12.39.

2897, Pte. C. C. Ng, No. 4 Coy. 15.12.39.

DR68, Spr. L. R. Brown, Fd. Coy. Engs. 5.12.39.

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2645, Sgt. W. J. D. Roberts, 1st Bty. 7.12.39.

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4233, Spr. B. Boris, Fd. Coy. Engs. 5.10.39.

4234, Spr. I. Nickolas, Fd. Coy. Engs. 5.10.39.

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4237, Pte. S. Mohammed, A. S. C. Coy. 12.12.39.

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DR111, Pte. H. H. Andrews, Mob. Col. 12.12.39.

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LECTURE

The next lecture in First Aid will be held on Friday, 22nd December, in the St. Johns Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

PRACTICAL BANDAGING CLASSES

Practical Bandaging Classes will be held on Monday, 18th December, at 10.30 a.m. at Vol H. Q. and 5.30 p.m. at No. 13 Leighton Hill. Transport for the evening class will leave H. Q. at 5.15 p.m.

LEAVE

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Miss I. Woolley, 14.12.39.

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By Ed Reed

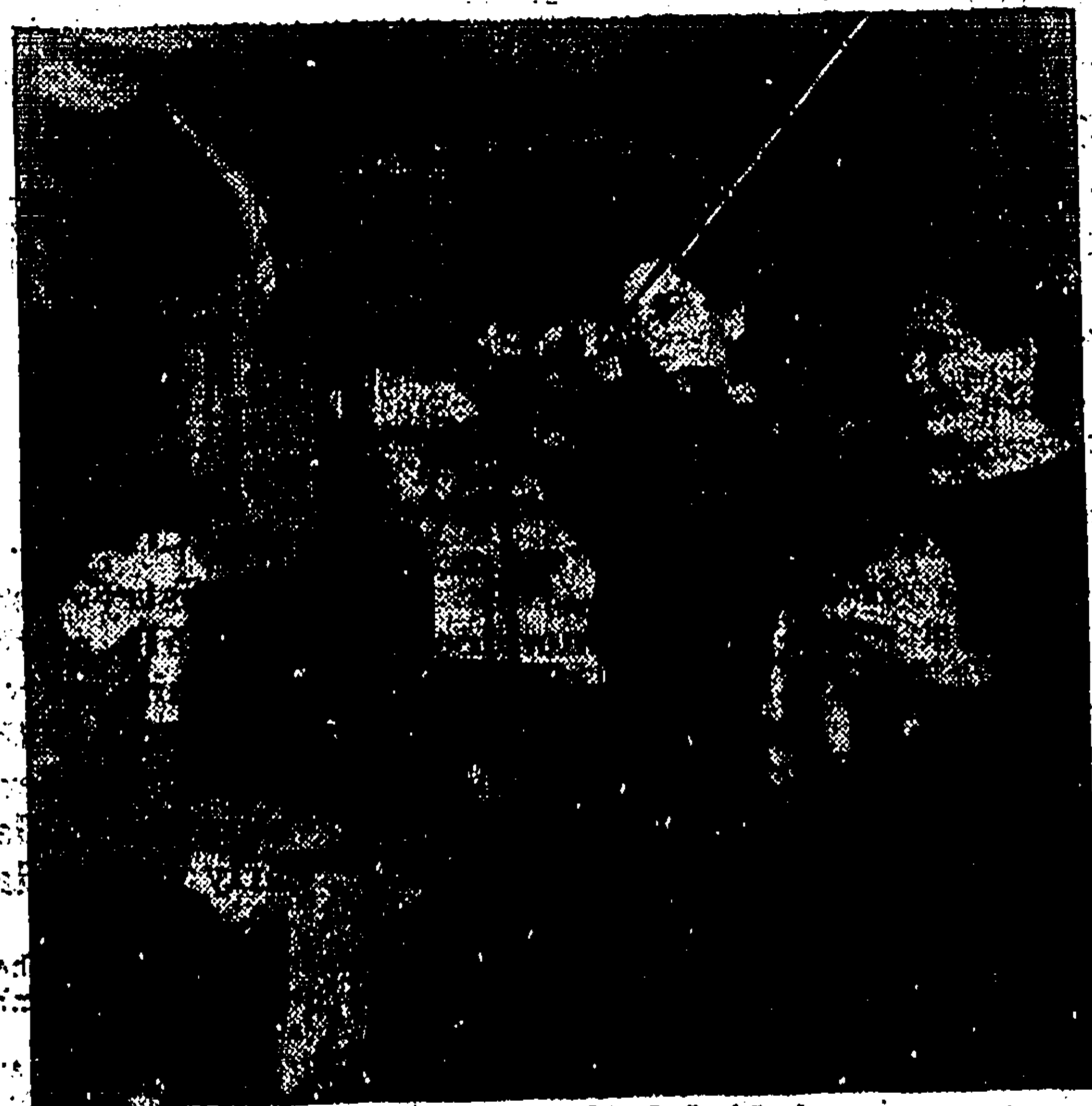


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GERMAN SHIPPING LINE LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
TWO GERMAN SHIPPING COMPANIES, THE NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD AND THE HAMBURG AMERIKA LINE, HAVE SUFFERED HUGE LOSSES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR.

This is due to the fact that 40 of their ships are blocked in American ports and 2,800 men, who are idle, continue to draw their salary.

Furthermore, they must purchase supplies and foodstuffs for these vessels.

An interesting sidelight on the situation is the polite refusal of the companies of the offer for repatriation by 300 Chinese sailors, who had signed two-year contracts, stating that they prefer to adhere "strictly to the terms of the contracts."—Havas.

SOVIET QUIET ABOUT LEAGUE ACTION

Moscow, To-day.
News of Soviet Russia's expulsion from the League has only been given a brief mention in the Soviet wireless.—Reuter.

UNBREAKABLE CONTROL OF THE HIGH SEAS

London, To-day.

DISCUSSING THE VON SPEE action, "The Times" says that while the Royal Navy needs no spectacular action to show its worth, there is nothing more satisfying than a sea battle which ends in the decisive defeat of the enemy.

A stern reminder of the horrors of war is given by the London "Evening News." It has always been the British way, says the paper, to be generous to a beaten foe and there is no doubt that the men of the von Spee fought as well as circumstances allowed.

U. S. TRIBUTES

New York, To-day.

The American press and public are full of the successful action of the British Navy against the Graf von Spee.

The "New York Sun" says that as a result of this action naval experts who

thought that the Nazi pocket-battle-ships were safe from all but a handful of Allied warships will now have to revise their opinions.

The "New York Daily News" says that the battle shows that the British have an unbreakable control of the seas.

The noted commentator, Mr. Raymond Gram Swing, says that the Germans have lost far more than the British in relative power, and the battle showed that the British have skill, daring and a capacity for sacrifice.—Reuter.

FINLAND PAYS WAR DEBT

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE FINNISH MINISTER YESTERDAY HANDED TO MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, A CHEQUE FOR \$234,000 AS THE REGULAR HALF-YEARLY PAYMENT OF FINLAND'S WAR DEBT TO THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Morgenthau informed the Minister that in accordance with President Roosevelt's instructions the money would be placed in a separate account pending a recommendation to Congress that it should be used for the benefit of the Finnish people.

The Minister asked Mr. Morgenthau to convey Finland's "deep-felt gratitude to the President and people of the United States."

Twelve other debtor nations yesterday conveyed regrets to Mr. Morgenthau at being unable to make payments.—Reuter.

SOCIAL POSTPONED

We are requested to announce that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the evening social of the Chinese Australasian Association arranged to take place to-morrow (Sunday) night, is postponed until further notice.

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MR. CORDELL HULL ANNOUNCES CONSULTATIONS

Washington, To-day.

MR. CORDELL HULL, the Secretary of State, revealed yesterday that the Uruguayan Government is assembling the facts regarding the Graf Spee battle for transmission to the President of Panama.

The President of Panama has been acting as liaison between the American Republics since the Pan-American Conference in October.

It is thought this implies that Pan-American consultations will be begun with a view to common action as a result of the battle having taken place within the neutrality belt established following the Conference.

Mr. Cordell Hull said it apparently indicated an occasion for collaboration and a conference, as provided in the Conference neutrality zone resolution.

He emphasised that the United States Government would undertake in all circumstances to meet the other nations half way.—Reuter.

DECLARATION ON SUBJECT LIKELY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

A State Department official told Havas yesterday that since the battle between the Graf Spee and the British cruisers took place within the "safety zone" as fixed by the Panama Conference, the signatories of the Conference would probably issue a declaration on the subject.—Havas.

R.A.F. ACTIVE IN NORTH SEA

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that aircraft of the Royal Air Force again patrolled German bases on the islands of Borkum, Nordeny and Sylt on Thursday-Friday night and early yesterday morning.

Enemy seaplanes lying at their moorings were attacked with bombs. The attack is also mentioned in the German official communique, and there is added confirmation from Denmark, where residents on islands near German waters heard bomb explosions and anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

Red Army Routed In Battle North Of Ladoga

FINLAND HITTING BACK HARD ON ALL FRONTS— SOVIET DESTROYER SUNK

Helsinki, To-day.
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS tell of the routing of the Russians north of Lake Ladoga. The retreating Russians, Finnish reports state, are now being driven along roads on which they will be met by Finnish reinforcements marching southwards.

It is obvious that although the Soviets claim to have continued their advance across the narrowest part of Finland, the outcome is by no means settled yet. They are still being stubbornly contested and one town alone has changed hands several times during the past few days.

In the Far North, the Soviet troops are advancing southwards slowly. The nickel-mining town which was set on fire by the retreating Finns is still burning.

Two thousand Finnish troops have been cut off in this area, but because of their knowledge of this difficult country it is thought that they will be able to hold out for some time.

In the south, on the Karelian Isthmus, experienced war correspondents report that the Soviets have by no means penetrated the Mannerheim Line.—Reuter.

RED ARMY ATTACKS EVERYWHERE REPULSED

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique claims that enemy attacks on Thursday at several points in the Karelian Isthmus were everywhere repulsed.

The Reds suffered heavy losses, several tanks were destroyed.

On the eastern frontier, the attack between Loamala and Lake Ladoga was beaten off and five tanks captured.

In the Tolajaervi sector the Russians are retreating in disorder, with the Finns in pursuit.

ROAD CUT

After five days stubborn fighting the Finnish troops have cut the road from Suomussalmi church to the frontier and have recaptured Suomussalmi village, the Russians being pushed towards the lake.

Elsewhere the situation is unchanged.

A Russian destroyer was damaged, and believed sunk, by a coastal battery in the Turku Archipelago.

Enemy aircraft dropped bombs in a few localities in the south-west Finnish Archipelago and the Petsamo district but no damage was done.

Finnish aircraft made numerous reconnaissances and set fire to a column of Red fuel lorries.—Reuter.

FURTHER GIFTS TO RED CROSS FUND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

TWO FURTHER GIFTS FOR THE BRITISH RED CROSS FUND HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

The uncle of the King of Egypt, Prince Mohamed Ali, has sent £1,000 with a letter to Lord Halifax in which he says that this is a symbol of his sympathy with the Allied cause.

From the people of Mauritius comes £5,250 to provide comforts for the Allied forces as well as to help the British Red Cross Fund.—Reuter.

THE GAZETTE

It is announced that Lieut. F. W. T. Ross has resigned his commission in the H.K.V.D.C.

Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg has been recognized as Acting Consul-General of the Netherlands at H.K.

Mr. K. Okazaki has resumed charge of the Consulate-General for Japan.

RUSSIA OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED

Geneva, To-day.

M. Joseph Avenol, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has officially notified Russia of the resolution passed expelling her from the League.

It is understood that members of the financial, economic and health sections of the League are leaving for Paris shortly to assist in technical co-ordination of assistance for Finland.

Switzerland has intimated that the work could not be done in Geneva, owing to Switzerland's neutrality.—Reuter.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Honourable Mr. H. R. Butters as a Member of the Council of the University vice Mr. Sydney Caine, for a period of three years, with effect from the 6th December, 1939.

THETIS INQUIRY CONCLUDES

London, To-day.
When the Thetis Inquiry was concluded yesterday Mr. Justice Bucknill stated he would submit a report to the proper authorities.—Reuter.

MISS MOW DIES OF HER WOUNDS

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

ATTACKED BY TWO ARMED MEN LAST TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE JUNCTION OF NANKING ROAD AND SZECHUAN ROAD, MISS MOW LI-YING, PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE WORKING WOMEN'S CLUB AND INSTRUCTRESS OF THE KAI SIU GIRLS' SCHOOL, SUCCUMBED TO HER WOUNDS YESTERDAY EVENING.

Miss Mow was a strong supporter of the Chungking Government and on many occasions condemned Chinese leaders of pro-Japanese tendencies.

This is the first political assassination where a woman has been involved.—Our Own Correspondent.



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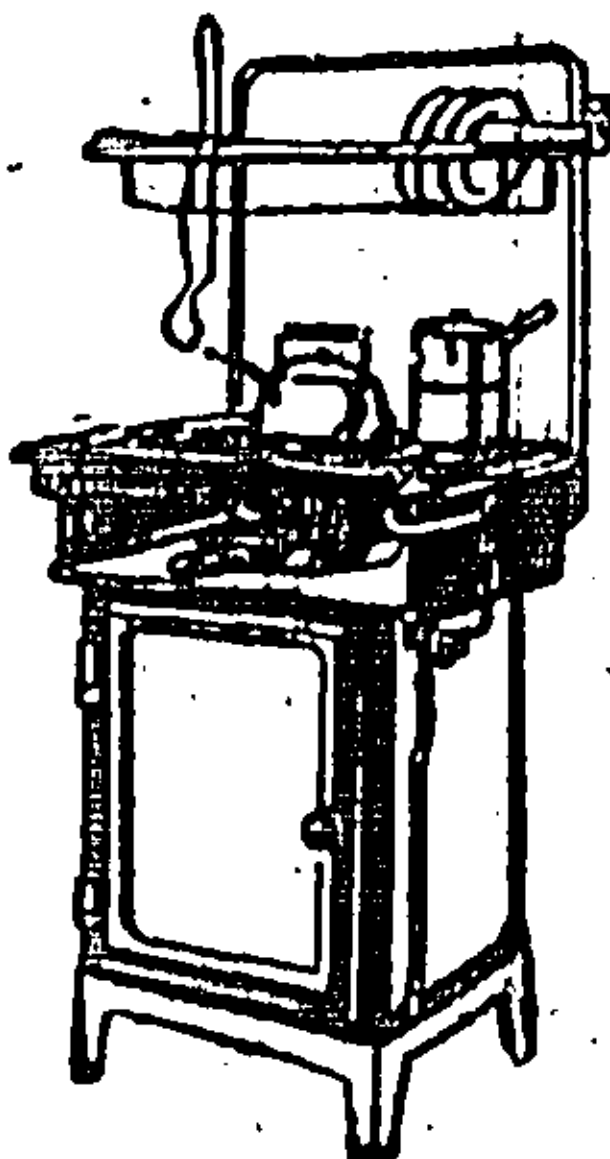
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ANOTHER 'PEACE' GESTURE

Since a German peace move failed several weeks ago no progress whatsoever has been made toward establishing the basis of sound peace. In this fact is found the explanation of why little or no confidence is placed in the current so-called peace move.

The fundamentals which brought on the war—referring to the one between Germany on one side and Britain and France on the other—are precisely where they were and what they were when the democratic allies flatly refused to buy peace at the price of surrender of the principles for which they entered the fight.

The only factors which could give Berlin hope that the London-Paris attitude might have changed are the factors of the record of ship sinkings and the factor of a new war.

German sea raiders and mines have taken a rather heavy toll in ships destroyed, but there is absolutely nothing to suggest that the allies are anywhere near admission of defeat in this connection. On the contrary they quite evidently feel that they are making real progress in the sea war, that they are gaining ground in the drive against submarines, that their blockade against German shipping is having telling effects and that the balance sheet is in their favour. They do not deny that they have taken losses, that they are continuing to do so, but they consider that their winnings outweigh their losses.

It is beginning to look very much as if the Nazi plan is to turn the start of a new war, Russia's war on Finland, into an argument for stopping the war that already was in progress. This programme calls for the assumption that the new war gives the allies cause for serious worry, so much that they would be willing to listen to terms which they considered unacceptable before this newest war started.

The chief weakness about this assumption is the indication that Russia's war-making gives Germany fully as much worry as it does the allies. Germany has quite as much reason as anybody else to do some watchful waiting—"Manila Bulletin."

Herr Hitler's temper or his methods, we prepared for a war over England of more immediate and greater ferocity than he has yet found it feasible to conduct. Some precautionary measures have therefore been relaxed. In other ways, too, the war has not developed on lines that were expected, and there is every reason for the adaptability to changed circumstances which the Lord Privy Seal said that it was the firm intention of the Government to achieve. There is plenty of room for experiment. People are still puzzled why it should be possible for Paris to be more freely lighted than London or Manchester, and though the black-out is obviously a most important element in static defence one would like to hear more about such experiments as those of Liverpool in the way of specially controlled lighting arrangements.—"Manchester Guardian."

GERMANY AND FINLAND

The manifest surrender of German influence, and policy in eastern Europe, which Herr von Ribbentrop succeeded in making in August last, has given Russia a free hand in spheres which the Reich claimed to be exclusively its own. It is credibly reported from Amsterdam that the Reich made strong secret representations to Moscow before the Red Army marched against

Finland. M. Stalin chose contemptuously to ignore them, and it is reported that a wave of consternation has swept through Nazi government circles at the growing realisation of the price which Germany is having to pay for Soviet support. M. Stalin's action clearly shows that he regards Berlin now merely as the bankrupt who went cap in hand to Moscow for accommodation at a price which he alone would decide. Up to the present that price has been the sharing of the Polish spoils, the surrender of German predominance in

IN DEFENCE OF "STUPIDITY"

Stupidity is not such a bad thing as is generally supposed. Stupid people at least save us from the dangers of being ruled by clever people; and England has been happier, I am sure, under a series of comparatively stupid cabinets than she would have been under rulers as clever as Napoleon. English stupidity has its own solid virtues. Perhaps it was of it that a great German writer was thinking when he said: "Against stupidity the gods themselves fight in vain." If the gods cannot prevail against it, we may be sure the German cannot prevail against it. Bear this in mind the next time you hear that the authorities have done something rantipole or insulse. — Y. Y. In The New Statesman and Nation, London.

Europe, and, it is now becoming apparent, the complete deprivation of whatever advantages there were in German domination over the Baltic. What will happen to Norway and Sweden, what designs Berlin and Moscow have upon those two countries, have not yet been made entirely clear, but if it should prove to be a fact that ultimately Soviet influence will prevail then Herr Hitler will have paid heavily for a bargain, which gives him no certainty of winning the war with the Allies, and which may be found by history to have contributed to his defeat. That likelihood he foresaw in a prophetic moment when writing "Mein Kampf." There he wrote that a German alliance with Russia would be the signal for another war and the cause of defeat for Germany. This is rendered all the more probable by the dissension which is reported to exist amongst Herr Hitler's lieutenants. The military see a betrayal of what they fought for when they assisted Finland twenty years ago; the Navy fears the loss of its freedom in a Bolshevized Baltic. There can now be no going back; the writing is being inscribed on the wall, and it is bitter reading for those men who believed in Herr Hitler's hatred of Communism, and who fancied themselves a bulwark against it.—"N. C. Daily News."

ADAPTATION FOR WAR

It is a good thing that Ministers should continue to address their constituents from time to time and, through reports of such addresses, the wider audience of the country. Speaking at Chelsea, Sir Samuel Hoare was largely concerned with points of domestic policy that count for much with individual citizens and was at some pains to give assurances that regulations devised in the first days for national safety were not as the laws of the Medes and Persians and impervious to amendment. That, of course, has already been illustrated in several ways; for instance, the complete suppression of public entertainments was speedily waived. Having little enough reason to trust either

MINESWEEPERS AT WORK: DANGEROUS TASK IN LITTLE CRAFT

London, Nov. 30.

When the Great War ended the Navy had 740 ships manned by 60,000 officers and men employed in minesweeping. Now it has already hundreds of ships engaged in this work and the number increases daily. The craft range from units of the Minesweeping Service proper, which was a pre-war branch of the Navy, to trawlers, drifters, yachts, and paddle-boats brought in since war began. The crews of minesweeping craft are largely drawn from men of our fishing fleets who were trained to the work in peace-time by serving instructional periods in the naval minesweeping flotillas. Consequently, these fine seamen—and there is none better for this particular job—have a specialized knowledge of the task upon which they are engaged.

WELL TRAINED

Because of the steady expansion of minesweeping flotillas, additional personnel has to be provided for them. Men are being recruited from the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and from other who have "joined up for the duration." All crews for minesweeping craft are trained at a school which teaches everything about sea mines and sea mining, and no officer or man is sent to a minesweeper until he is fully competent to do duty in her. And he has quite a lot to learn, for sweeping up and destroying enemy mines is a dangerous job and not one for the untrained.

It was at the suggestion of the late Admiral Lord Charles Beresford that the Navy's Minesweeping Service was founded. At the beginning the ordinary trawl of the fisherman was used; now, the apparatus which the sweeping craft employ to locate and destroy mines is an elaborate affair, and has to be skilfully handled.

GERMAN PRACTICE

During their course of schooling officers and men learn all about depth charges and minelaying as well as minesweeping. Mines can be laid at a predetermined height above the sea bed and made to rise to their floating distance at a predetermined time. Under the Hague Convention all mines are supposed automatically to become safe when they break adrift. Ours are so arranged that they do. But the Germans have adopted the practice of

nearly severing the chain which pulls out the detonator and make a mine harmless when it breaks adrift. The result of this tempering with the chain is that the links break. The chain does not pull out the detonator and the mine floats away with its destructive capacity unimpaired.

Minesweeping is done in two ways. Either two ships haul a "sweep" (or trawl) between them, or a single ship throws out a "sweep" which is kept in such a position by kites that the sweeper can go round a minefield in much the same way as a reaping machine goes round a field of corn. When two ships are working together it is important that they should maintain station accurately. If one gets ahead of the other there is a danger that a mine picked up in the trawl may slide in upon the rearmost ship and destroy it.

DAWN PATROL

Daily from nearly all our seaports a number of minesweepers put to sea at dawn. Once they are clear of the harbour a signal flutters from the mast-head of the leading vessel. In response to it odd numbered ships veer a barricoe astern on a grass line. The ship next astern of them noses up alongside, picks up this barricoe, and, hauling away the grass line, brings the sweep wire aboard where it is put on a slip. Each pair of vessels opens out to "sweeping distance" apart, taking care to maintain perfect station. When the vessels are in position another signal is made by the senior officer's ship, and the kites, which keep the sweep wire at the right depth beneath the surface of the water, are lowered astern of every vessel. Each pair then turns off to sweep the area allotted to it for patrol; well knowing that the day's work will be long and rough and risky, for there is always the possibility of a sweeping craft bumping a mine and being blown up.

BOY SAYS HE DID SUMS IN HEAVEN

Willie Dysart, sixteen-year-old "adding machine" prodigy, of Omega, Georgia, U.S., who can look at bunches of figures and give the total without flickering an eyelid, asserts that he learnt his mathematics in heaven.

In fact, so clever is Willie that when a man in his home town asked him how many bricks he would need to build a house, Willie told him immediately. When he finished the man had half a brick over.

Willie explains it like this.

"When I was four," he says, "my mother tried to teach me to add up, but I couldn't add up to a hundred."

"Then mother died. Right after she died, I dreamed I went up to heaven to see her. She told me I could do anything with figures. She gave me some problems. I worked them all out right there in heaven."

HE JUST "KNOWS"

He said he woke up still working out figures, and had no trouble with them ever since.

Tell Willie the day, month and year you were born, and, without a pencil, he will look you straight in the eye and tell you how many years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds you have lived, not forgetting the leap years.

Willie insists that he never tries to work out mathematical answers in his mind, he just knows the answer.

Yet he was backward at school in everything except figures. He left school this year still in the third grade, whereas under the American scholastic system, boys should leave at the age of sixteen in the twelfth grade.

He is now looking for a job.—Associated Press.

SIX MILLION POUNDS A DAY

Sir John Simon has revealed that the war is costing Britain £6,000,000 a day. What can be done with such a sum? Here are some of the ways in which this money could be used in peacetime:

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He joined up early in the last war, fought through it, rose to the rank of major, and was mentioned in dispatches.

That war broke into his career. It came after his first year at Oxford. With the coming of peace, he returned to Oxford and became the first post-war President of the Oxford Union.

It was then that he first showed signs of his unusual gift of being able to extract vital information from a mass of material. One of the favourite stories he tells against himself is of how he passed, with flying colours, one of his papers in the Law Preliminary examination without reading a single book on the subject.

— BY —
JOHN BEEVERS

He persuaded a scholar of his college to discuss the subject with him the night before. He passed, but the scholar failed.

IN FLEET STREET

Mr. Hore-Belisha qualified as a barrister but practised as a journalist in Fleet Street. He became Liberal M.P. for Devonport in 1923. He worked hard. Parliament and the public soon became aware of his energy. Yet he was never too busy to neglect any interest of his constituents.

The people of Devonport still remember a little kindness he did for one of their men. One evening in 1928, Mr. Hore-Belisha heard a dockyard worker sing and dance in a local public-house. He was struck by his ability and obtained for him an audition in the West End of London. In a few weeks the man was acting in a successful revue.

In 1931 Mr. Hore-Belisha became Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade. A year later he was Financial Secretary to the Treasury. In 1934 he became Minister of Transport. In 1935 he became a Privy Councillor. In May, 1937, he was appointed Secretary of State for War.

As Minister of Transport he proved his mettle. He stirred the country to a full realisation of the gravity of the traffic problem. His methods were unorthodox but strikingly successful. With the ubiquitous "Belisha Beacon" as a symbol, he pushed through reform after reform—each one giving new safety to the men and women walking and driving about British streets.

BELISHA BEACON

Some motorists objected to his legislation. At an annual dinner of the Institute of Transport, Mr. Hore-Belisha told a story about Mr. L. S. Amery's chauffeur, who declared to Mr. Amery, "I wish we did that

here, sir," when he heard the news of the shooting of certain Japanese statesmen.

"Why? And who would you start with?" asked Mr. Amery.

"Hore-Belisha, sir," came the bitter reply.

But, in spite of sporadic criticism, Mr. Hore-Belisha achieved a type of immortality that few statesmen can hope for until their work has passed into history. When a new Inn was built at Rainham, in Kent, to replace one of which the site was taken over by the military authorities, it was named the Belisha Beacon. Mr. Hore-Belisha wrote to the innkeeper to say he was "much refreshed" by the idea.

To-day Mr. Hore-Belisha controls the British Army.

At 45, he is one of the youngest War Ministers in our history. He has held office at a difficult time.

He has had to make decisions vital to the Empire's safety. He has made these decisions with courage and vigour.

During his period of office there has been tension in Europe, tension which has finally ended in war. Britain has introduced conscription in peace-time.

BETTER CONDITIONS

The army has become a mechanised force. Changes have had to be made in its General Staff. All these have been carried through by Mr. Hore-Belisha.

Never, however, despite the questions of high policy with which he has dealt, has he forgotten the ordinary Tommy. His constant care has been to improve the conditions of Army life for the private.

As Minister of War, he has visited Militia Camps, Territorial Units, and the barracks of the regular soldier. Everywhere he has suggested improvements and had them carried through.

He and the men immediately under him have had the vast task of sending the British Expeditionary Force to France. This was accomplished without a hitch. Mr. Hore-Belisha has paid generous tribute to the directing officers who made it possible. He deserves much of the credit himself.

EFFORTS TO AVOID XMAS STRIKE

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
WITH THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES CLOSELY APPROACHING, EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO PREVENT A GENERAL STRIKE IN THE CITY.

Late last night meetings were held between representatives of workers and employers to reach agreements.

Employees of the Wing On Weaving factory and the National Products Company, resumed work yesterday morning, a compromise being reached. —Our Own Correspondent.

ROSIE'S BEAU-
BY
Geo. McMANUS

"I'LL JUST USE THE BOSS' PHONE WHILE HE IS OUT AND CALL UP MY DARLING LITTLE ROSIE."

"HELLO-PRECIOUS-THIS IS YOUR OWN LITTLE ARCHIE BOY-I JUST CALLED YOU UP TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!"

"YOU'RE JUST A DEAR ARCHIE-YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU TALK 'BABY TALK'—"

MORNING—

"I-ER-AH-HUH? WELL-AS I WAS SAYING—"

"YOU SEE-I WISH YOU'D LET US SEND OVER SOME SAMPLES OF OUR MARCHANDISE—OUR SPRING LINE IS IN NOW—AH—"

"ARCHIE! WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?"

LETTER DEATH CUT SHORT WILL GO TO SON

An officer in India is to receive the last letter his mother wrote. It is unfinished, for she was doomed as she penned the lines to him but did not know it.

A gas escape killed her. She had lost her sense of smell and wrote on unaware of her peril.

Ever since her only son Tom went to India, Mrs. Lilian Beatrice Haynes, Heythorpe-road, Southfields, S. W., made a daily practice of writing a "chapter" of her weekly letter to him.

One afternoon as she was doing this she had occasion to walk across the room. The top of the carpet was disarranged, and in passing, it was explained at the inquest she jerked it

with her foot, switching on a portable gas fire.

Mrs. Haynes returned to her desk and continued her letter, unaware of the deadly fumes which were rapidly filling the room, for an accident in the last war cost her the sense of smell.

SLIGHT PRESSURE ENOUGH

Then Mrs. Haynes sat down to rest on a sofa, probably feeling the effect of the gas, and it was there that her husband, Mr. Thomas Frederick Haynes, found her dead three hours later.

...and then her husband posted the unfinished letter.

Accidental death was the verdict.

Mr. Haines told the coroner he found the unfinished letter on the table.

A neighbour, Mrs. E. Mitchell, said that twelve months ago she noticed a smell of gas in Mrs. Haines's house.

The tap of the portable gas fire had been turned on by pressure on the carpet, but Mrs. Haines had not noticed the smell.

Sergeant H. Griffiths, who examined the tap, said slight pressure on the carpet twelve inches away from the tap would turn it on.

KING MAY USE PUBLIC SHELTER

The King and Queen will take cover in public air-raid shelters along with the general public if they are caught out in a raid and not within easy reach of the Palace.

That is the answer to the question many people have asked when they have noted that the King and Queen are continuing to attend public functions.

Progress in the district's biggest war-time task—the provision of air-raid shelters—will be reported to Westminster City Council to-morrow.

Shelters so far provided or arranged for by the Council will accommodate about 161,000 persons.

Accommodation is being provided in vaults under pavements for about 60,000 persons at a cost which is only fraction of that incurred in constructing trenches or surface shelters.

In the Victoria Station area there will be air-raid shelters to accommodate nearly 8,000 people. Shelters are also to be built in Grosvenor - gardens, Trafalgar - square, Parliament-square and Hanover-square.

Since the war further trench schemes have been started in Soho-square, Leicester-square and Green Park, at Hyde Park Corner. In these 17,000 persons can shelter. Further schemes are being considered.

"WINSTON" IS THE NAME —NOWADAYS

There's something about the name "Winston." It is becoming more and more popular with Britain's mothers every day since war started.

So popular, in fact that in years to come there will be growing up young "Winstons"—and "Leslies" and "Anthonys" too—who will perpetuate the memory of the great men of the present war as in the Great War. But so far Winston definitely has it, for mothers believe that he will do most to win the war.

Many menfolk in the Army prefer to call their sons Leslie in recognition of War Minister Horne-Bellishia, while there is also a large increase in Anthony's after Dominions Secretary Eden.

In a Leeds maternity home Mrs. Nellie Howden, of Gipton Estate, Leeds, whose husband volunteered a week ago for the Pioneers and who has not yet seen his son, told the press.

"I have decided to call him Leslie. I think it is the best way of commemorating my husband going to the war."

Lying in a long row of cots were other boys named Winston and one named Anthony.

CHURCH BANS PEACE MEETINGS

Rev. David Mace, minister of Archway Central Hall, High-gate, N., where it is proposed to ban all meetings of pacifist organisations, is himself a member of the Peace Pledge Union.

Leaders and officers of the church are submitting a request to a meeting of the trustees asking that no further lettings be allowed for pacifist organisations.

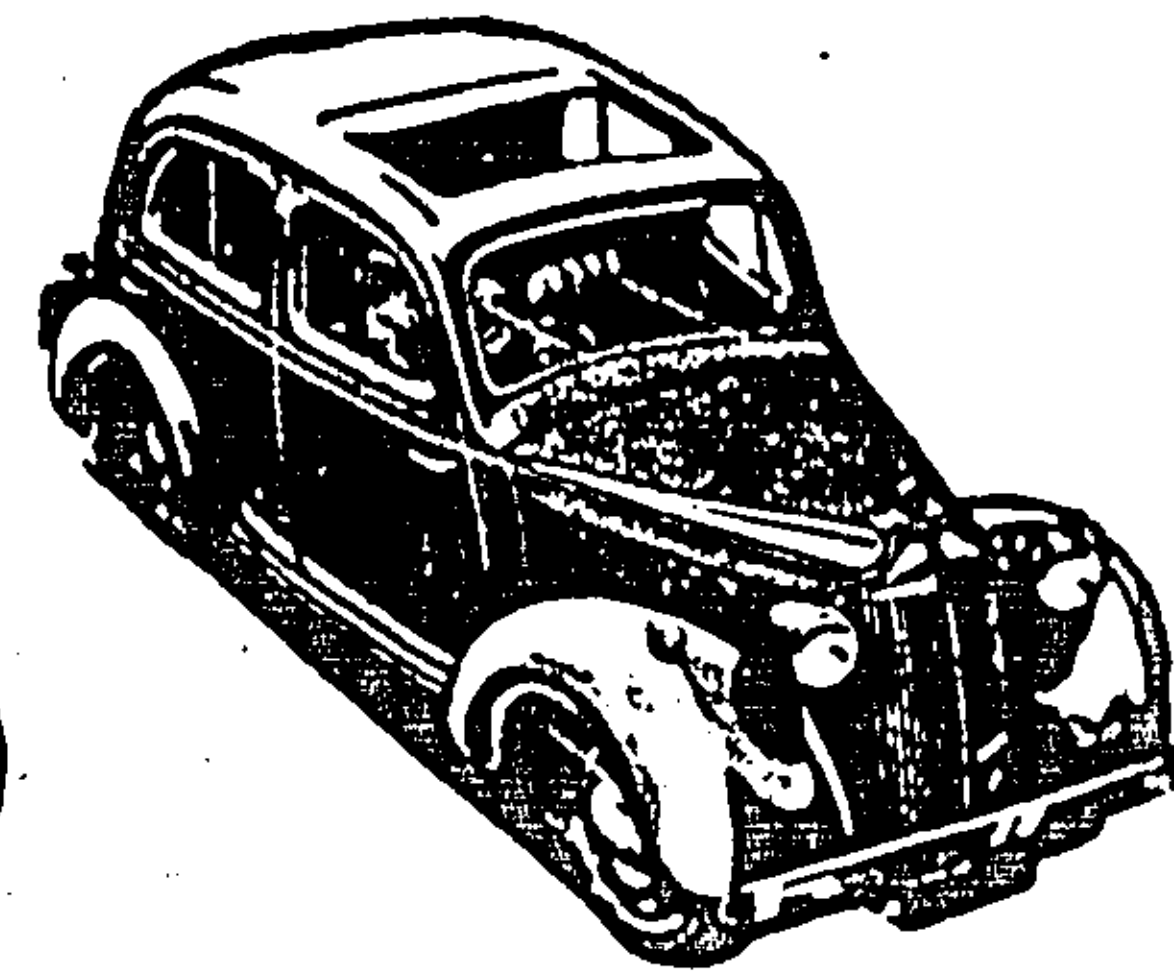
Mr. Mace said: "There is no ill-will between myself and members of the church. I respect their feelings and I hope they respect mine. I have already cancelled a letting of this nature."

Meetings of the Peace Pledge Union have been held regularly for several years.

A member of the church said that they were anxious that it should not get a reputation as a centre for pacifist activities.

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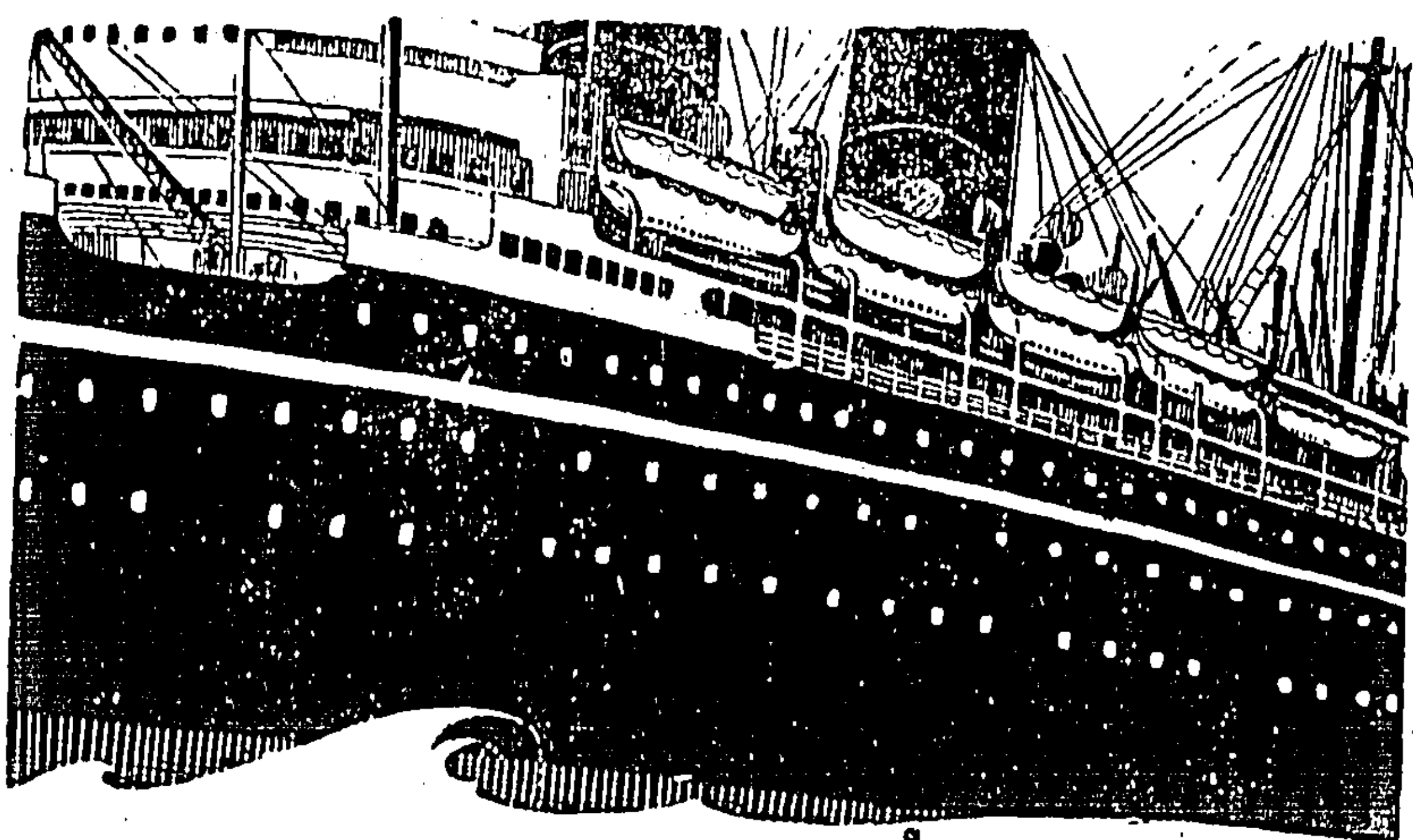
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SUNDAY		
Shanghai	Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.	
Saigon	Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.	
Amoy	Dec. 17, 9.00 a.m.	
MONDAY		
Shanghai	Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.	
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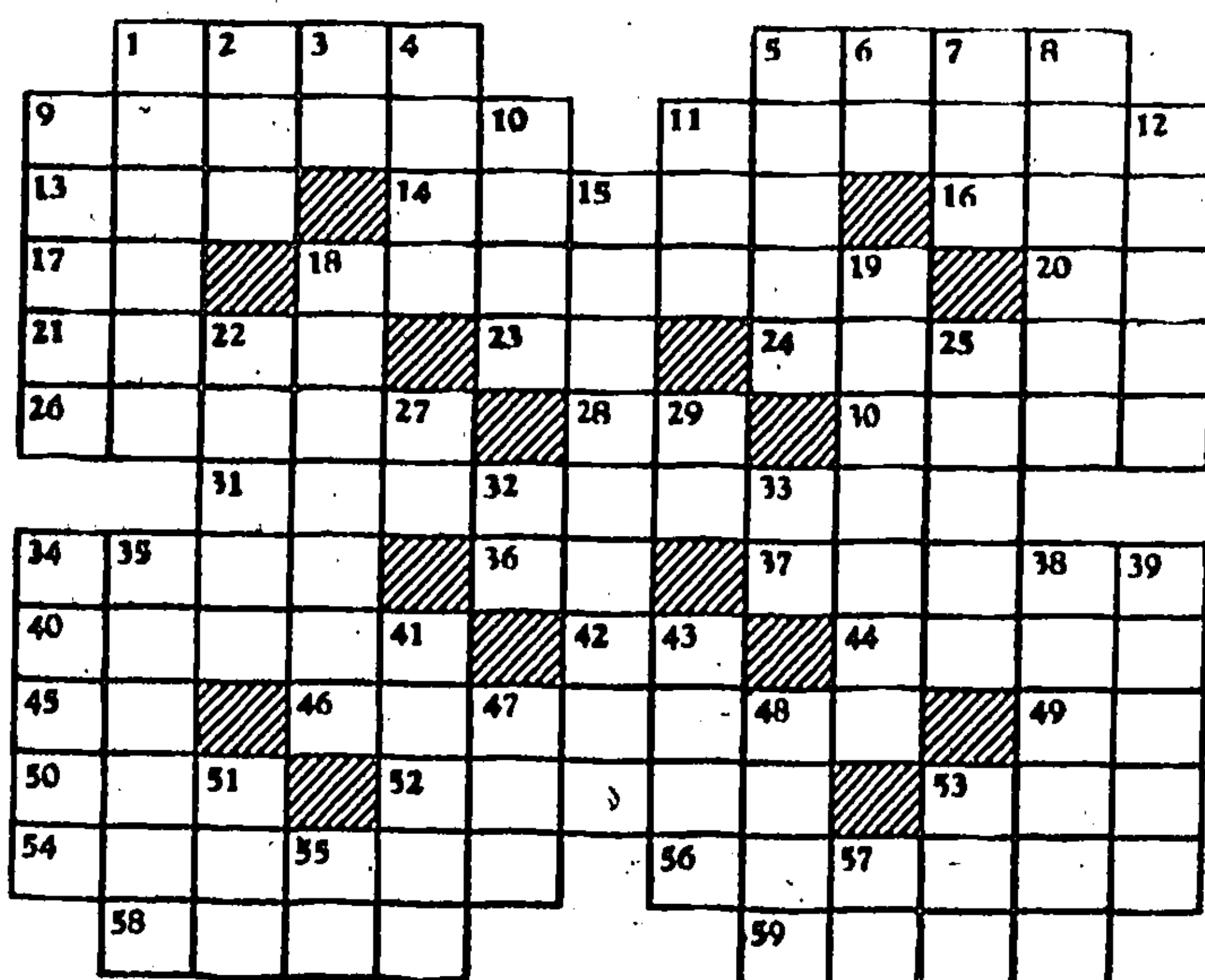
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- 11 Rented
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- 16 Through
- 17 To run
- 18 Censure
- 20 Hebrew letter
- 21 German river
- 23 Compass point
- 24 Recitals
- 26 Verse
- 28 Provided that
- 30 Moving trucks
- 31 Abatement
- 34 English river
- 36 Greek letter
- 37 To walk
- 40 Sharp pains
- 42 Sun god
- 44 Serf
- 45 Conjunction
- 48 Enrolled
- 49 Concerning

VERTICAL

- 50 Stream (Sp.)
- 52 Alleviated
- 53 Holland commune
- 54 More taut
- 56 Scorches
- 58 Beloved
- 59 Clothes

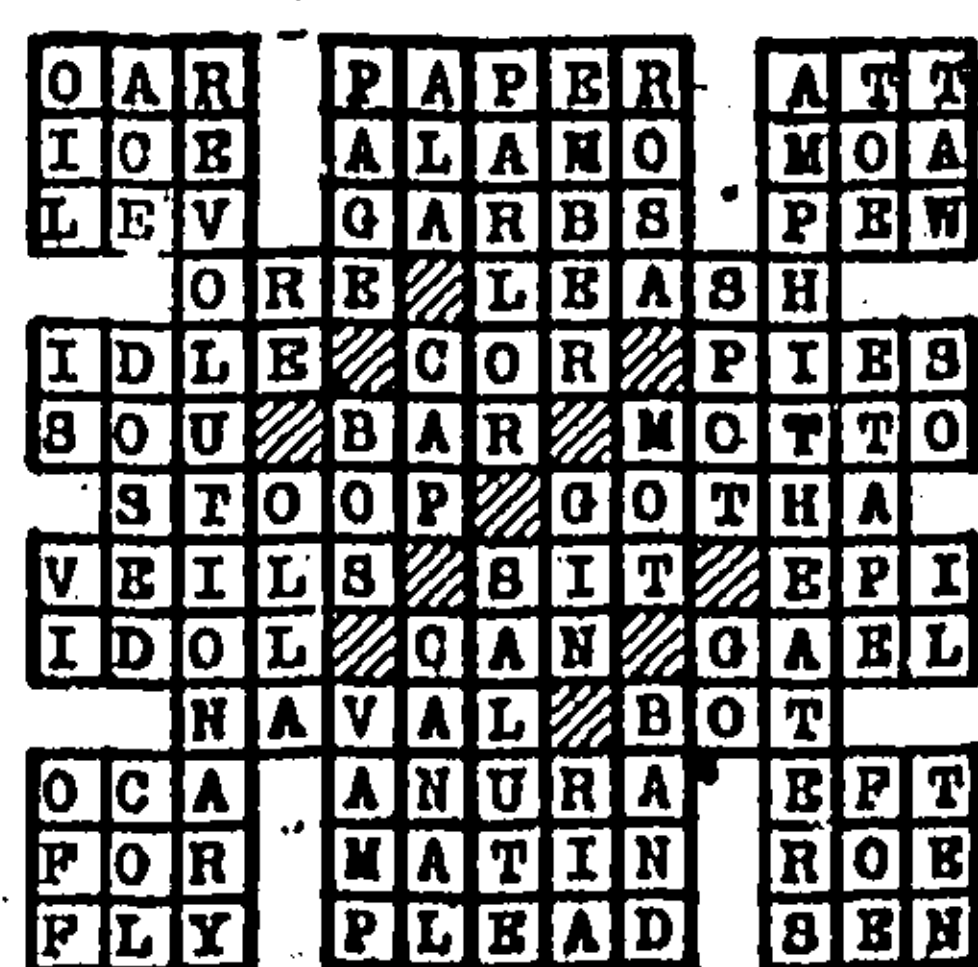
VERTICAL

- 1 Mutiny
- 2 Constellation
- 3 Exists
- 4 Tennis term
- 5 Dormouse
- 6 Babylonian god
- 7 Serpent
- 8 To extend down

VERTICAL

- 9 Messengers
- 10 Small drinks
- 11 Constellation
- 12 Garb
- 15 Compelling forces
- 18 Retaliate
- 19 Preferred
- 22 Nobleman
- 25 Narrow roads
- 27 Printer's measure
- 29 Bone
- 32 At home
- 33 Pronoun
- 34 To the left
- 35 Differed
- 38 Positive terminals
- 39 Sandhills (var.)
- 41 To gibe
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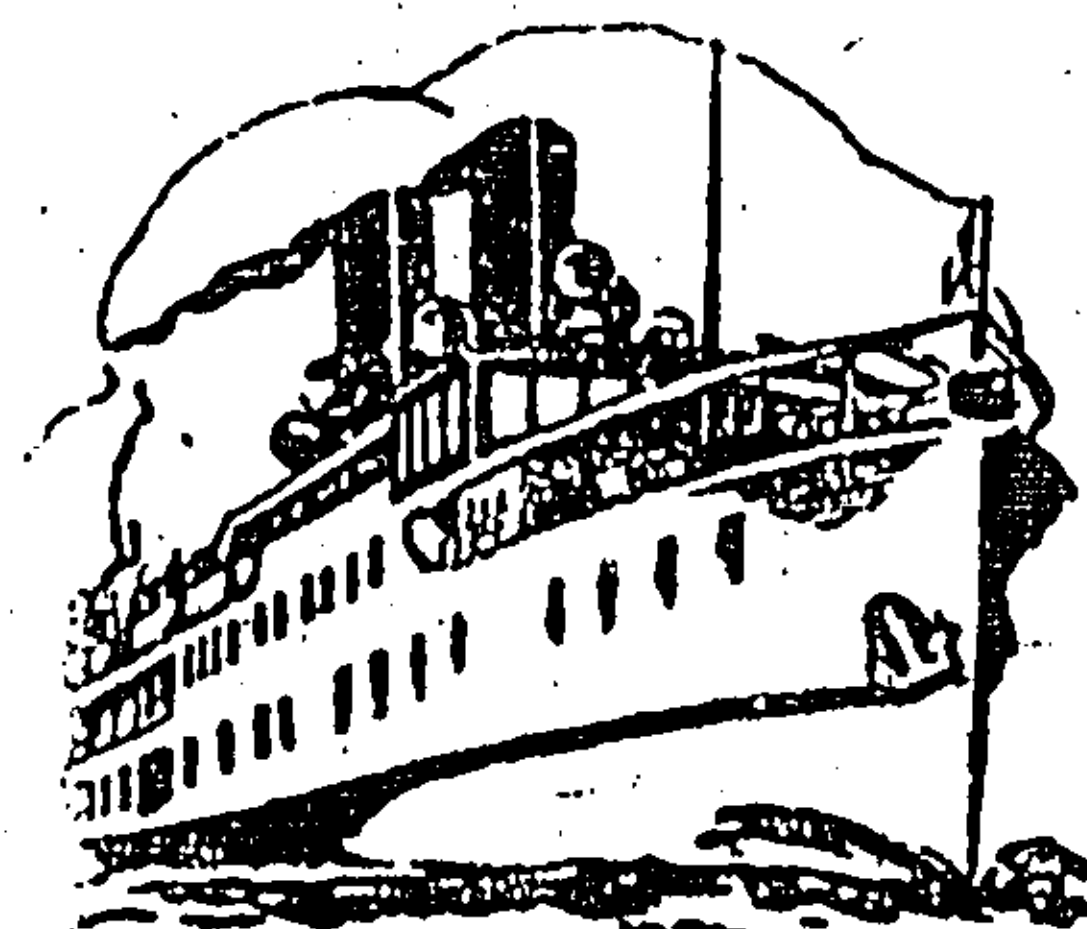
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By BEST BALL

There are various methods of escaping from a sand trap, possibly as many as there are ways of getting into one. The latter however is much the easier thing to do. First flight players even putt and chip out of traps. However the two ways illustrated above are full strokes suitable for use in deep traps. "Cutting under the ball" is a type of bunker shot often employed by Tommy Armour. Using a niblick or mashie-niblick, Armour lays the club well back and cuts just under the ball, the clubface edge knifing through the sand. If the lie is exceptionally good, it is possible to employ a midiron for this shot and thereby gain considerable distance.

Where the ball is partially buried in the sand the explosion shot still ranks as the safest method. This shot requires a forceful blow, the clubhead hitting the sand back of the ball, digging down as it travels forward and exploding the sand plus ball above it into the air. A firm grip and follow through is essential for this shot.

MONDAY — BRASSIE PLAY.

KUMAONS HOCKEY WIN

The Kumaon Rifles had no difficulty in beating a combined team from R.A.M.C. and I.M.S. in a friendly hockey match, played on the Chatham Road ground yesterday afternoon, by three clear goals.

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KWANTI RACE ENTRIES

Entries for the December Meeting at Kwanti on December 26:—

1.—2.45 p.m. "The Taiipo Handicap". A steeplechase of 1¼ miles for China ponies. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3. Clowney, Ebony Idol, Mortmain and Three Farthings.

2.—"The Jorrock's Plate". ¼ miles. A hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters. Winners last season of a steeplechase and/or hurdle race barred. Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3. Centre Forward, Emergency Call, Jack O'Lantern, Seventeenth of September, The Minx and Widnes.

3.—"The Hobart Handicap". 7 furlongs. A flat race for Australian ponies "C" class. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5. Ajax, Amber II, Brutus, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Heinz, Macquarie River, Schmetterling, Tarzan and Zodiac.

4.—"The Canberra Handicap". 1½ miles. A steeplechase for Australian ponies. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3. Bingo, Glorious Star, Iroquois, Kiola, National Unity, Sea Urchin, Spectrum and Tarzan.

5.—"The Fanling Cup". 7 furlongs. A handicap flat race for China ponies "D" class. Winners this year of more than \$1,000 barred. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5. Arabian Cat, Estover, Fel Yinz, Golden Cow, Jack O'Lantern, Lancashire Chap, National Liberty, Piet Hein, Plain View, Popular Star, Sports Venture, Tempest, The Leopard, The Tigress and Tribute.

6.—"The Happy Valley Handicap". 5 furlongs. A flat race for China ponies classified "E" class. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5. Diogenes, Dow-Jones, Ebony Idol, Gallant Marshal, Heddon, Heriot, High Tower, King's Envoy, Lucky Eleven, New Bedford, March Brown, Old Fashioned, Palmer, Rose Day and Tiger Eyes.

Handicaps will be published next week. A special \$1 Sweep will be run on "The Fanling Cup".

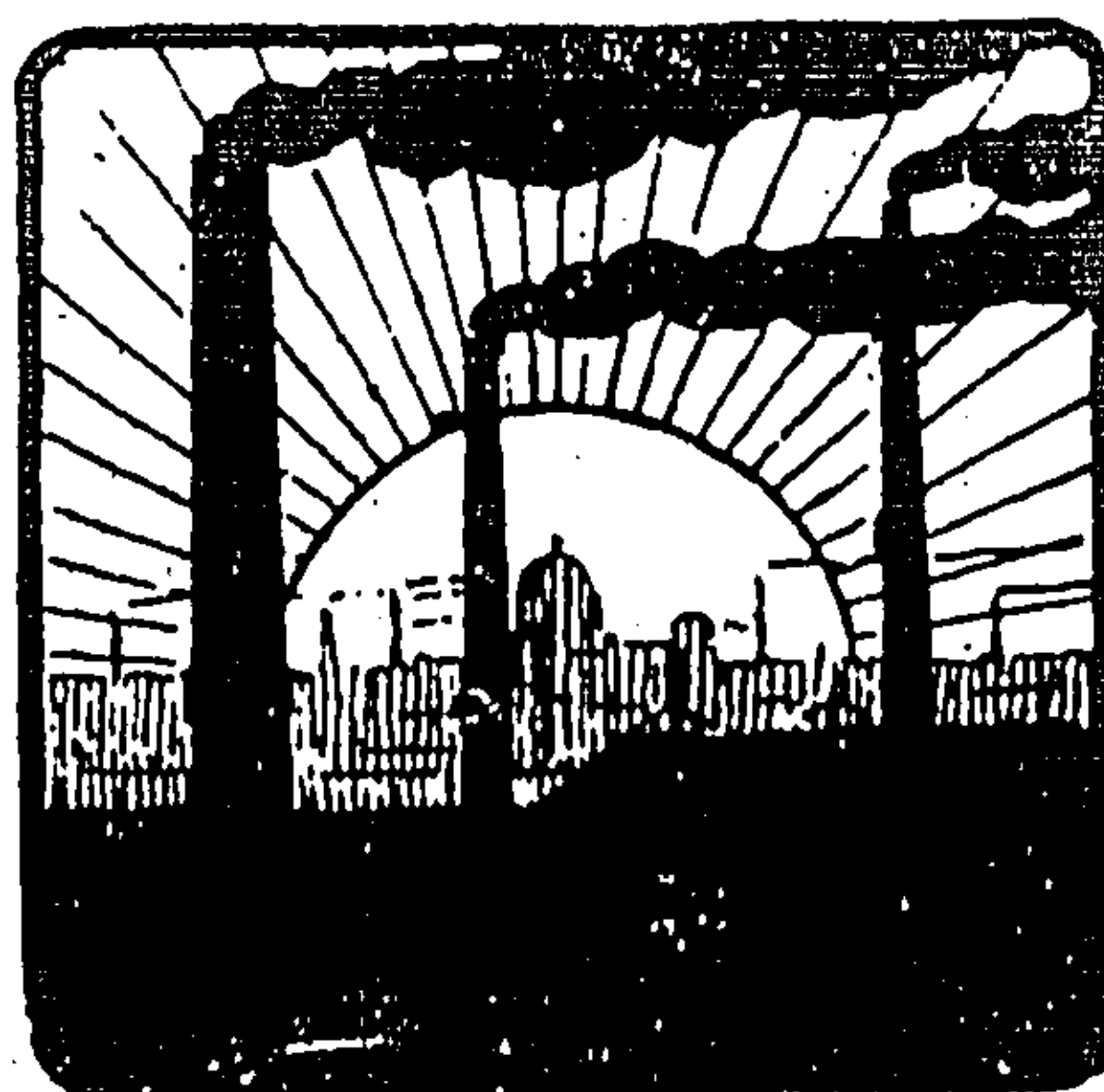
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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE DOROTHY ARNOLD CASE

(By VINCENT TOWNE)

CHRISTMAS night, 1910, the newspapers received their first details of the most baffling disappearance mystery that has vexed the world since the kidnapping of Charley Ross. Thirteen days before, on Dec. 12, Dorothy Harriet Camille Arnold, daughter of Francis R. Arnold, a wealthy perfumery importer, at 11.30 A.M., left her mother at the family residence, 108 E. 79th St., Manhattan, announcing that she was about to visit the Fifth Ave. shops in search of a dress. Promising to call her mother on the telephone as soon as she found something to her taste, she walked from her home to Park & Tilford's store, at Fifth Ave. and 59th St., where she purchased a pound of candy. Although she had from \$20 to \$30 in her pocketbook, she had the confection charged.

It was just about noon when she left the candy shop. Two hours later she entered Brentan's, on 26th St., where she bought a volume of humorous epigrams, entitled "An Engaged Girl's Sketches."

After emerging from the book store at 2.45 P.M., she met a young woman friend, who congratulated her upon her healthful appearance. "I am feeling fine," said Miss Arnold, turning north. "I am going to walk home through Central Park." That was the last trace of Miss Arnold known to her friends or family. She vanished "like breath into the wind."

She was of a wealthy family, proud of its pedigree. Her father traced his ancestry direct to the Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock. She was 26 years old, about five feet four inches tall and weighed 140 pounds, with fair complexion, dark brown hair and grayish-blue eyes. All told, she was a girl of striking appearance, the pink of delicacy, dignity and refinement.

She wore a tailor-made blue serge suit, black velvet hat trimmed with two silk roses and black fox muff. She was strong and athletic, extensively traveled and accustomed to going about alone. She had a very cultured voice, whose accent was described as somewhat like that of a French woman. She was a Bryn Mawr graduate with literary tastes. Lately she had completed a love story entitled "Poinsettia Flames," also some verses, "Lotus Leaves," which she was endeavouring to have published.

She had very conventional tastes—was the last woman in New York who would ever elect to go "slumming." She was not interested in the stage, settlement work or any fads that would take her out of the paths frequented by conventional people. At the time of her disappearance she had out invitations for a tea in honour of 60 Bryn Mawr schoolmates. This function was to have been given five days after she became a memory.

A search of her room showed that she had left behind all of her jewellery of value and a large batch of personal letters. Everything indicated that her disappearance had not been premeditated. Had she planned to leave home without taking her parents into her confidence, she would probably have carried off her jewels in order to realise upon them. Had she planned suicide, she would not have purchased sweetmeats and humorous epigrams in the moments directly following a last farewell to her mother.

Her clothing being of the finest quality and bearing the labels of the most exclusive modistes, it is inconceivable that her body could have been found without exciting notoriety—lest the discoveries of her remains wished to conceal her fate. Among her friends she was known to be popular among many men but sentimentally inclined toward none, yet the private letters found in her room disclosed one romance. She was apparently about to become engaged to George S. Griscom, Jr. of Pittsburgh, a bachelor of 42.

At first the Arnold family concealed their daughter's disappearance from the press, but realising the value of newspaper aid in such emergency,



"I'm Going To Walk Home Through Central Park"

their attorneys gave out a bulletin to the reporters. Thereafter, a series of conflicting statements and retractions served only to deepen the mystery. At first they issued the statement that Mrs. Arnold was ensconced in a Winter resort awaiting news of her daughter, but investigation showed that she and her son were in Europe. It was stated that Miss Arnold had no love affairs, but the reporters confronted the family's attorney with alleged evidence that she had been carrying on a clandestine correspondence with Griscom.

When Mrs. Arnold and her son returned from Italy, they declared that they knew nothing of the Pittsburgh

bachelor, but within a few days European correspondents described a sensational interview between the Arnolds and Griscom in a Florence hotel, where the missing girl's brother was said to have knocked Griscom down and to have beaten him soundly.

Early in February, Griscom came back from Europe, announcing that his return had been hastened by a promise to the Arnolds, whereupon the latter declared that they did not want his aid and had never solicited it. Griscom hastened to Atlantic City, where he intimated that he fully expected Miss Arnold's return the forthcoming week and definitely announced that he was preparing to

marry her as soon as she appeared. This interview provoked from the Arnolds criticism that sent Griscom to his apartment, whither he did not emerge for 34 days. His family engaged for his protection, Roger O'Mara, the former chief of police of Pittsburgh who had been the guardian of Harry Thaw during his troubles. No more statements were thereafter uttered by Griscom and the mystery deepened.

In spite of the general belief that Miss Arnold was still alive, her family went into deep mourning for her. Evidence of their absolute ignorance of her whereabouts is the fact that their personal attorney travelled as far as the Pacific and Gulf coasts to interview police and detective authorities and visit sanitariums and retreats of all kinds wherein the young woman might be hidden.

Virtually every newspaper in the world published her picture and description. Both the Old World and the new were scoured for evidences of her fate. Hundreds of thousands of circulars were sent to postmasters and police officials everywhere, and her picture flashed upon the screens of hundreds of photoplay houses. Her parents made several trips to Europe in search of her and hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent in trying to answer the riddle of her fate. It baffled the world's greatest detectives.



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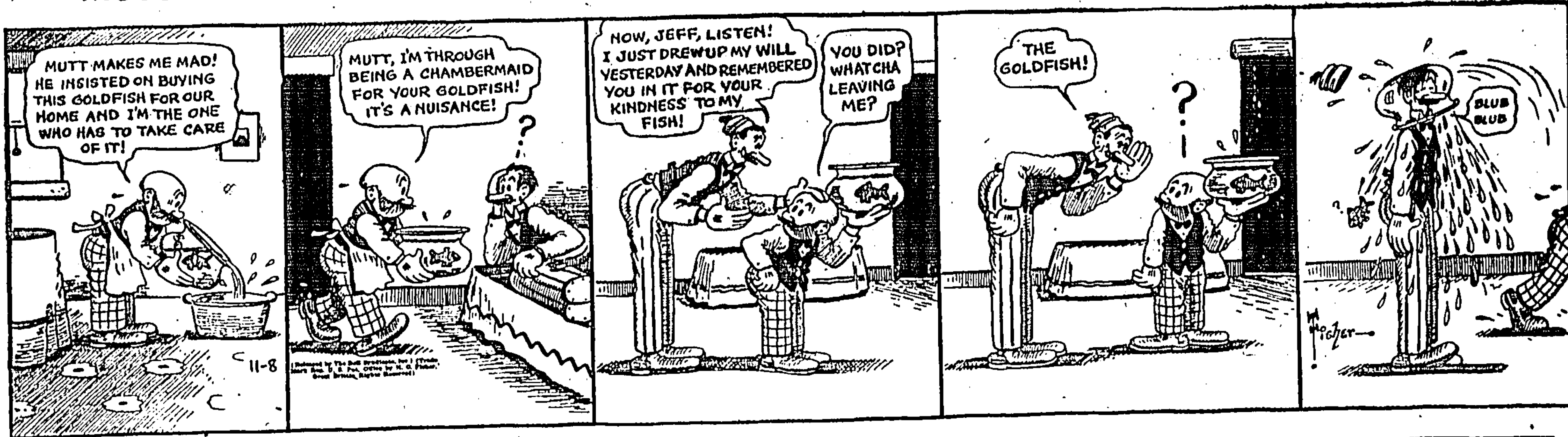
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—WAGNER'S Tannhauser Overture and Excerpts from his Operas.

"The Valkyrie"—Ride of the Valkyries; "Lohengrin"—Prelude, Act 3... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

"Lohengrin"—The King's Address... Ivar Andresen (Bass) with Orchestra.

"Tannhauser"—Overture (Wagner-Liszt)... Benno Moiseiwitsch (Piano).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC by Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

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9.52 Megacycles

Quickstep—Could Be; Slow Fox-Trot—Kinda Lonesome (film 'St. Louis Blues'); The Veleta; Waltz—St. Bernard Waltz; Slow Fox-Trot—Tears On My Pillow; Sequence Dance—The Park Parade; Quickstep—Something Tells Me; Slow Fox-Trot—I Won't Tell A Soul; Quickstep—Apple Blossom Time.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—LIGHT VARIETY with Gracie Fields, Jesse Crawford, Alleyne & Leonhardt and Others.

Humorous Monologue—The Loch Ness Monster (John Tilley).... John Tilley.

Cinema Organ—The Old Spinning Wheel (Hill); My Wishing Song (Kahal & Burke).... Jesse Crawford.

Comedienne—Fiddle Joe (London & More); Poor Me, Poor You (Bestor & Others).... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.

Novelty—Animals On Parade—Macdougall's Farm; Noah's Ark.... The Who's Zoo at Whipsnade (Animal Entertainers) with Accomp.

Two Pianos—Destiny—Waltz (Baynes); Passepied (Delibes).... Alleyne & Leonhardt.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 p.m.—DVORAK—Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Op. 88. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vaclav Talich.

6.38 p.m.—SELECTIONS from Light Opera.

"The King Steps Out"—Vocal Gems (Kreisler).... Orchestra & Chorus.

"Countess Maritza"—Selection (Kalmann).... Grand Symphony Orchestra with Ilse Wald (Soprano) and Hans Clemens (Tenor).

"The Beggar Student"—Let's Presume (Millocker).... Margaret Slezak (Soprano) and Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra.

6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 p.m.—BILLY MAYERL (Piano) and His Orchestra.

Three Dances in Syncopation (Mayerl)—(a) English Dance; (b) Cricket Dance; (c) Harmonica Dance.... Billy Mayerl (Piano).

Heart and Soul (film 'A Song is Born'); Mayfair Merry-Go-Round (film 'Kicking the Moon Around').... Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Dorothy Carless (Vocal).

Song of the Fir Tree (Mayerl); Sweet William (Mayerl).... Billy Mayerl (Piano).

Fox-Trots—Love Was Born (from 'Crazy Days'); Stranger In A Cup of Tea (from 'Crazy Days').... Billy Mayerl & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Parade Of The Sandwich-Board Men (Mayerl).... Billy Mayerl (Piano).

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time-Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—RAVEL Bolero. The Lam-

oureux Orchestra of Paris conducted by the late Maurice Ravel.

8.20 SONGS by Luigi Fort (Tenor) Av. Ay. Ay (Perez & Freire).

"Mignon"—Adio, Mignon (Thomas). "Don Pasquale"—Serenata: Soft Beams the Light (Donizetti).

8.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Shadow of the Swastika". Fourth Episode of the Life of the Nazi Party.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—Local Sport Results.

9.32 p.m.—SEA SHANTIES by John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

The Sailor Likes His Bottle-O: Clear The Track, Let The Bullgine Run (arr. Terry); Fire Down Below; Hullabaloo Balay; Haul Away, Joe; What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor (arr. Terry).

9.40 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Playing The Game". A Farical Extravaganza by L. du Garde Peach. Music by George Barker. Produced by Charles Brewer.

10.30 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.

Fox-Trot—Chicken Reel... Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra.

Tangos—La Carajada; Bella Espanola... Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.

10.40 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"They too loved Wales". A Welsh pattern of verse, prose and music.

11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"London Log".

11.15 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.

Fox-Trot—The Fleet's In Port Again; Waltz—The Whistling Waltz.... Billy Reid & His Accordion Band.

Fox-Trots—Let's Face The Music & Dance (film 'Follow the Fleet'); But Where Are You (film 'Follow the Fleet').... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

Tango—The Tango of the "Mula"; Waltz—A Garden of Illusion.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Who Loves You; Foolish Heart.... Ronnie Munro & His Dance Orchestra.

Tango Fox-Trot—Where The Cafe Lights Are Gleaming; Fox-Trot—Angel of the Great White Way.... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Rumba Fox-Trot—La Cucaracha; Tango—A Medis Luz... Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.

Fox-Trots—Free; Take My Heart.... Ambrose & His Orchestra.

Waltz—Secret Rendezvous (film 'One Rainy Afternoon')... Victor Young & His Orchestra.

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South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 8 6 5
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A 8 4 2
 ♣ J 9
 ♠ 7 3
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ K 10 9 5
 ♣ Q 7 6 2
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 W
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 ♠ Q J 2
 ♥ J 9 6
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ A 5 4 3
 ♠ A 10 9 4
 ♥ K 10 5 3
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ K 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

A glance at the North-South hands will show at least one loser in every suit. Yet the cards were so favourably distributed that the contract was made.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1/2

TOTAL VALUE OF PAIR'S AVERAGE HAND 4.5

West opened a club, which East won. East shifted to a diamond. South played the Jack. West the King and dummy's Ace won the trick. Declarer then drew two rounds of trumps. Next a heart was led to dummy's Queen, and the same suit returned. Declarer finessing the ten. West won the second round and "exited" with his remaining heart.

Declarer now cashed the club King and the diamond Queen, then played his thirteenth heart, discarding a diamond from dummy. East properly refused to trump, but South then threw him in with a trump. East was now forced to return a club and Declarer trumped in dummy, meanwhile discarding his losing diamond.

The Declarer got at least five separate and distinct breaks in his favour on this hand.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Both sides were vulnerable and you held:

♠ x
 ♥ Q J 9 8 6 4
 ♦ A x x
 ♣ K x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby	You
1♠	Pass	1NT	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. You have a good suit to lead plus two probable re-entries. On the other hand, a two-heart overall may be severely penalised.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two hearts, 30% for double.

QUESTION NO. 285

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner. Both sides are vulnerable and the opponents have 60 on score. Again you held:

♠ x
 ♥ Q J 9 8 6 4
 ♦ A x x
 ♣ K x x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	You
1♠	Pass	1NT	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer: tomorrow.)

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H.E. TO PLAY CRICKET

(By "ADREM")

Two interesting cricket matches will be played to-morrow, one of which should be quite serious and the other a good social party!

The party will be at Kowloon Cricket Club where the veterans of K.C.C. led by His Honour Mr. Justice Lindsell, will play the veterans of H.K.C.C. led by Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce. All players will be over 45 years of age.

The latter team will include His Excellency the Governor, who thus I believe, plays his second match in the Colony, the first being in the Inter-Varsity match last season.

Lunch will be served at K.C.C. at 1 p.m. sharp and play will commence at 2 p.m.

At Happy Valley, one company of the Volunteer Defence Corps will entertain the Battalion team of the Middlesex Regiment. The company side, representative of No. 3 (M.G.) Company, will have out some of the finest players in the Colony and Middlesex will have to be in good form to win.

This game will commence at 12 noon.

Following teams have been selected for these games:—

H.K.C.C.:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), Sir Geoffrey Northcote, C. Blaker, R. D. Gillespie, J. D. Humphreys, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. C. Stark, R. S. W. Patterson, F. A. Redmond, J. S. Lovett and T. McLeod. Umpire E. W. Hamilton.

K.C.C.:—R. E. Lindsell (Capt.), E. Abraham, F. E. Nash, W. Nash, C. G. Green, Capt. W. M. Parsons, Capt. A. H. Martin, J. Fraser, S. Jex, T. G. Stokes and W. H. Hobbs. Umpire J. P. Robinson; scorer F. Goodwin.

No. 3 (M.G.) Coy.:—Lt. D. J. N. Anderson, C.Q.M.S. E. C. Fincher, Sgt. G. Winch, Sgt. E. Zimmerman, L/Cpl. N. A. E. Mackay, L/Cpl. D. Hung, Pte. F. R. Zimmerman, Pte. A. Zimmerman, Pte. W. L. Rapley, Pte. T. A. Madar and Pte. W. K. Way. Twelfth man is Pte. R. T. Broadbridge, scorer Sgt. V. White and umpire Pte. T. Locke.

"RAPIER'S" SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

RACE NO. 1

CONFUSION BAY
EVE OF HARVEST
ROSE EMILY

Outsider:—Hectic View

RACE NO. 2

BRUTUS
PUMPERNICKEL
HEINZ

Outsider:—Twilight Star

RACE NO. 3

MATADOR
SMILING TIME
GOG

Outsider:—Heddon

RACE NO. 4

KING KONG
MUSKETEER
CELTIC STAR

Outsider:—Some Hope

RACE NO. 5

POTENTATE
NEW STAR
EXPANSION TIME

Outsider:—Humdrum Eve

RACE NO. 6

COURTING EVE
TRIUMPHANT DAY
LANCASHIRE CHIPS

Outsider:—Baffin Bay

RACE NO. 7

NATIONAL PRIDE
DAWN STAR
TAXING MASTER

Outsider:—Scenic View

RACE NO. 8

NIGHT VIEW
GOLD COIN
VALOROUS

Outsider:—Piet Hein

DAILY DOUBLE—POTENTATE AND NATIONAL PRIDE

ANOTHER STERN TEST FOR SAINTS

(By "ADREM")

St. Andrew's Ladies' hockey team which went down so badly to "Y" last week will be further tested to-day when they meet Hong Kong Ladies at King's Park.

The Hong Kong team is not to be recognised as that which played their opening matches and they can be expected to give a good account of themselves if they do not actually win.

Interesting changes in the Saints' forward-line have been made as a result of the return to the side of Mrs. Bliss (nee Gittins), who will take over her old position as leader of the attack.

Miss Roberts, who has been centre-forward thus far, will play on the left wing, which position she occupied on several occasions last season.

Hong Kong, with Miss Gray at right back, Miss June Booker, Mrs. Skinner and Miss D. Watson, at halves and an exceptionally strong forward-line consisting of Miss Marr, Miss M. Smalley, Miss M. Booker, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Purvis are strong in all departments.

"Y" Ladies should have little difficulty against Recreio although Miss Eardley and Miss Pocock will not be playing. Miss Buchanan will take over the left-wing berth and Miss J. Stokes will play left-half.

Caer Clark match between C.B.S. and C.B.A. has been postponed.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

CAER CLARK CUP

St. Andrew's v H.K. Ladies
(C. B. A., 3.00 p.m.)
"Y" Ladies v Recreio
(C. B. A., 3.00 p.m.)

BROWN CUP

D. G. S. v "Y" Ladies
(D. G. S., 3.00 p.m.)
Recreio v Argonauts
(Recreio, 3.00 p.m.)
C. B. S. v C. B. A.
(C. B. S., 3.00 p.m.)

TEAMS

St. Andrew's:—J. Hall; G. White and M. Roza; S. West, J. Wong and B. Greaves; F. Wong, M. Churn, P. Bliss, H. Reid and S. Roberts.

Recreio "B":—Miss C. Silva; Miss T. Goncalves and Miss M. Ribeiro; Miss N. Xavier, Miss N. Osmund and Miss M. Silva; Miss M. Elguirido, Miss N. Goncalves, Miss M. Campos, Miss A. Rozario and Miss L. Rodrigues.

H.K. Ladies "A":—Miss S. Baskett; Miss E. M. Gray and Miss G. Swan; Miss J. Booker, Mrs. Skinner and Miss Watson; Miss G. Marr, Miss M. Smalley, Miss M. Booker, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss A. Purvis.

C.B.S.:—Miss P. Loeche; Miss V. Moss and Miss S. Gehring; Miss J. Burroughs, Miss J. Bonney and Miss B. Hobbs; Miss K. Grant, Miss J. Stokes, Miss M. Macfarlane, Miss E. Rousseau and Miss P. Beraha.

C.B.A.:—B. Sullivan; V. Beaumont and M. Mackay; B. Louis, J. Felshow and J. Cunningham; E. Hunt, F. Grimmit, E. Woolley, P. Exater and J. Crawford.

Reserves:—N. Duckworth and P. MacFadden.

Argonauts:—Miss S. Silva; Miss I. Xavier and Miss B. Xavier; Miss L. Sequeira, Miss

TO-DAY'S CRICKET

(By "ADREM")

There are no particularly bright cricket matches on this afternoon's programme, only one among the seniors that might provide some good cricket being the K.C.C.-H.K.C.C. fixture at Cox's Road.

Both teams will have out their best available talent and a draw appears to be the likeliest result.

Among the juniors the best game should be that between University and Hong Kong Cricket Club at Pokfulam.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

PROGRAMME

SENIOR

K. C. C. v H. K. C. C.
Recreio v Police R. C.
C. C. C. v Middlesex Regt.

JUNIOR

Navy v Recreio
University v H. K. C. C.
I. R. C. v R. A. F.
C. S. C. C. v K. C. C.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, A. H. Finnie, J. H. Fox, R. D. Gillespie, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, J. L. C. Pearce, L. T. Ride.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, H. J. D. Lowe, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, D. J. Robb, W. Stoker, T. M. Sulter.

C.C.C.:—A. R. H. Esmail (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulce, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, Scorer, H. W. Randall; Umpire, C. Ladd.

P.R.C.:—C. O. Pope, A. E. Carey, T. R. Hunter, P. H. Loughlin, W. Clarke, J. L. Stephens, A. Kirby, H. Danbrowsky, J. Lewis, F. Forrest and A. Estall.

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THRILLING BADMINTON AT K. TONG

Three badminton matches were played yesterday evening resulting in victories for Chinese "Y" in "A" Division, Recreio "A" in Mixed Division and St. Teresa's in "B" Division.

The first two matches were one-sided, neither Recreio nor Chinese "Y" dropping a game but some splendid rallies were witnessed at Kowloon Tong although St. Teresa's always had an edge over their opponents.

Finest game of the evening as far as technical ability was concerned was that between R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong) and Joseph Tsang and Peter Lo.

A ding-dong struggle resulted in a good win for the St. Teresa's pair, whose better combination and general steadiness carried them through.

THRILLING RALLY

Most exciting game, however, saw Albert Chan and N. A. E. Mackay lose to Austin Ho and J. Lam 24—23 after being at one stage led by 19—8. The home pair staged a desperate rally at this stage and ran off a remarkable string of points eventually to "set" at 19, lead 3—1 and 4—3 but just lose.

Finest individual displays of the evening were given by J. Tsang, Peter Lo, R. E. Lee and John Chen, while Austin Ho, a comparative newcomer to local badminton, smashed very impressively.

St. Teresa's Win

Kowloon Tong lost to St. Teresa's 3—6, in the "B" Division.

A. Chan and N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong).

lost to P. Lo and J. Tsang 8—21

lost to A. Ho and J. Lam 23—24

lost to J. Chan and F. Tsang 14—21

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong).

lost to Lo and Tsang 13—21

beat Ho and Lam 21—16

beat Chan and Tsang 21—18

B. P. C. Fletcher and A. E. H. Castro (Kowloon Tong).

lost to Lo and Tsang 13—21

beat Ho and Lam 21—19

lost to Chan and Tsang 6—21

Easy Victory

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio).

beat J. Clark and Mrs. Beattie 21—10

beat C. Bouvard and Miss I. Cunningham 21—10

beat Mr. and Mrs. R. Main 21—10

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (Recreio).

beat Clark and Mrs. Beattie 21—16

beat Bouvard and Miss Cunningham 21—11

beat Mr. and Mrs. Main 21—10

L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio).

beat Clark and Mrs. Beattie 21—18

beat Bouvard and Miss Cunningham 21—7

beat Mr. and Mrs. Main 21—4

Chung Wah Swamped

Playing at Talkoo Recreation Club last night, Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Chung Wah by 9 games to nil, in an "A" Division Badminton match.

P. C. Leung and S. C. Leung (Chung Wah).

lost to C. Au and H. Koh 4—21

lost to P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau 11—21

lost to C. J. Ong and F. Koh 14—21

E. F. Chiu and K. S. Chiu (Chung Wah).

lost to Au and Koh 10—21

lost to Wong and Lau 17—21

lost to Ong and Koh 2—21

F. S. Lee and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah).

lost to Au and Koh 19—24

lost to Wong and Lau 9—21

lost to Ong and Koh 5—21

LADIES' TENNIS

The following are results in the Colony Ladies' Lawn Tennis Tournaments:

Ladies Singles:—Miss J. Reeve beat Mrs. F. C. Tracy 6—0, 6—0.

Mrs. Smeby gave a "walk over," Mrs. Marriott having withdrawn.

Ladies Doubles:—Mrs. Smeby and Mrs. Kevan beat Mrs. Whitham and Mrs. Marriott. Scores 6—3, 6—4.

Entries into the 2nd rounds of the Singles and Doubles Tournaments are as under:—

Ladies Singles:—Miss J. Reeve v Mrs. Smeby, and Mrs. E. Litton v Miss R. Rumjahn.

Ladies Doubles:—Mrs. Hurnett and Miss Bradbury v Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Chui.

Mrs. Smeby and Mrs. Kevan v Miss Lade and Mrs. Churchill.

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TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Army, who have reshuffled their team for to-day's Triangular Tournament Rugby match at Sookunpoo, commencing at 4 p.m., will be fully extended by Navy, who expect to have Stevens and Carter back in their team.

Navy's performance against Club last Saturday was very impressive and it will cause no surprise if they leave Army holding the wooden spoon at the end of the first round of the Tournament.

At 2.45 p.m. Police meet Club and should account for the Club's published team, though the Police themselves are confident that a stronger fifteen will be fielded.

The teams are:
ARMY—Picton; Artingstall, Walte, Lang and Skipworth; Hook and May; Evens, Sutherland, Hewitt, Whitehead, Berry, Pinkerton, Cuthbertson and Duke.

NAVY—Pay Lieutenant Stevens, Lieutenant Bax; Telegraphist Bowden, Telegraphist Paul, Midshipman Nicoll, Sub Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Commander Clark, Lieutenant Carter, Sub Lieutenant Plugge, Leading Writer Ferris; Leading Writer Barlow, Lieutenant (E) Brown, L. S. A. Palmer, Flight Lieutenant Taylor, Petty Officer Smart, Chief Writer King, Lieutenant Bayley and Pay Lieutenant Charles.

CLUB—Thompson; Van Leeuwen, Charter, Bidwell and Lavelle; Carruthers and Thomson; Heasman, Salter, Wanklyn, Kennedy, Bompas, Deane, Dunnott and Stout.

POLICE—Wall; Reynolds, Fay, Wilson and Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, Searle, Hayward, Innes, Jackson, Dempsey and Riddell.

SOCCER

CHARITY SOCCER GAME TO-MORROW

(By "REFEREE")

"The main attraction in this week-end's soccer programme is the First Round game of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition between Ireland and China, holders, at Caroline Hill to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.

Ireland have not many players to choose from but have got together a useful side and though not expected to win should give the Chinese a good run for their money.

TENNIS

C.R.C. BEAT POLICE

Playing at home yesterday afternoon, Police Sports Board were beaten by Chinese Recreation Club in a friendly tennis match by 6½-2½.

Following are the full scores:
Wai Chung and Tsui Yun-pui (C.R.C.) drew with Tsui Wai-pui and Fay 6-6
beat Smith and Pile 6-2
beat Morrison and Brown 6-1
Iu Tak-lam and Tsui Ping-fan (C.R.C.) beat Smith and Pile 6-1
beat Morrison and Brown 6-4
lost to Tsui Wai-pui and Fay 3-6
Lam Yuk-ying and Pang Oi-lam (C.R.C.) beat Morrison and Brown 6-4
lost to Tsui Wai-pui and Fay 3-6
beat Smith and Pile 6-4

The defence is a fairly strong one with Moore, in goal, and Sheehan and Lawton as backs. The last two played in the Armistice Day game together and did well. Leonard, who can play in any position, will be seen in the pivotal position with Fare and Hills, two promising junior players, as his wing halves.

THE ATTACK

The attack will be led by O'Regan of the Navy who will be supported by P. Jorge of Kowloon and Martin of Service Corps.

Coughlan, of 6th R.A., will be seen on the right wing while A. Leonard, of International, will be on the left wing.

China will be represented by their usual team and by virtue of their better combination should win.

A good game should be witnessed in the First Division League to-day when Police meet South China "A" at Boundary Street. Last season the Police surprised the Chinese by winning easily.

Eastern, who have been favoured with luck in their last few games, will have to be at their best against Kowloon who know every inch of their home ground.

PROGRAMME

First Division
Police v S. China "A"
(Boundary Road at 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Stokes.
Linesmen:—Salter and Smith.
Kowloon v Eastern
(Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Beard.
Linesmen:—Phillips and Wyper.
Club v R. Scots
(Club at 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Silva.
Linesmen:—Carley and Baker.
Second Division "A"
Kit Chee v South China
(Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Barretto.

5th R.A. v Eastern
(Military at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Hobson.
R.A.O.C. v 8th R.A.
(Military at 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Adlard.
Club v 30th R.A.
(Club at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Gibson.

Second Division "B"
Kwong Wah v R. Scots
(Boundary Road at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Smith.

Kowloon v Police
(Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Sze Po Wal.

*University v Signals
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Third Division
South China v 12th R.A.
(St. Joseph's at 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Hinchliffe.

24th R.A. v Kumaons
(Chatham Road at 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Ip.

Royal Scots v R.A.M.C.
(Chatham Road at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Demea.

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Sunday Herald Charity Cup
China v Ireland
(Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Stokes.
Linesmen:—Ip and Glover.
Third Division
Electric v International
(Club at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Clark.
5th R.A. v Signals
(Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Lee Bing Tong.
Engineers v R.A.S.C.
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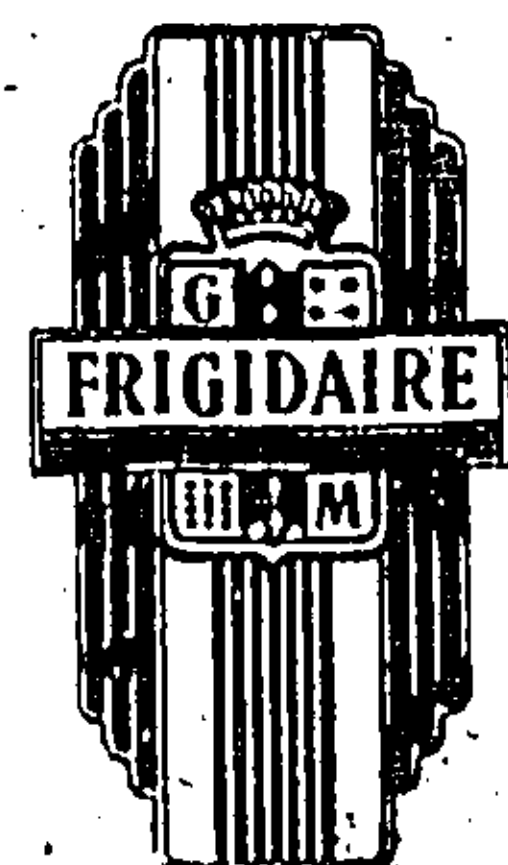
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2745.	South West of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1869, near Diamond Hill.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 25,100	\$180	\$2,610
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FINLAND MAKES ANOTHER OFFER OF PEACE TALKS

Helsinki, To-day.

SPEAKING IN RUSSIAN over the Finnish radio, M. Tanner, the Foreign Minister, told M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, that Finland was prepared to continue negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the Russo-Finnish dispute.

M. Tanner asked M. Molotov to broadcast his reply whether he was prepared to resume the negotiations.

He added that if no answer comes, or the answer is in the negative, the world will know what value to set on Russian principles and promises.

M. Tanner recalled that during the Russo-Finnish negotiations M. Molotov stated the sole purpose of the Soviet's territorial demands was to secure the Soviet, and particularly Leningrad, against eventual attacks by a third power.

TRUE PURPOSE

He asked if this was M. Molotov's true purpose, and if so, then the concessions made by Finland were in their opinion sufficient for the purpose.

The Finns also notified the Soviet of their readiness to consider even greater concessions.

M. Tanner said subsequent events were calculated to give the idea that Russia all along nursed aims of a more far-reaching character which seemed to be to gain possession of the whole of Finland and restore the frontier of Czarist Russia.

TO THE LAST
"If this is the Russian aim," M. Tanner declared, "they can be sure Finland will defend herself to the last. The Finnish people are not minded to lose their independence and liberty or be brought to submit to an alien yoke."—Reuter.

PREMIER IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, is now in France to spend some days with the British Expeditionary Force.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, his Deputy, will make a similar visit in the near future.—Reuter.

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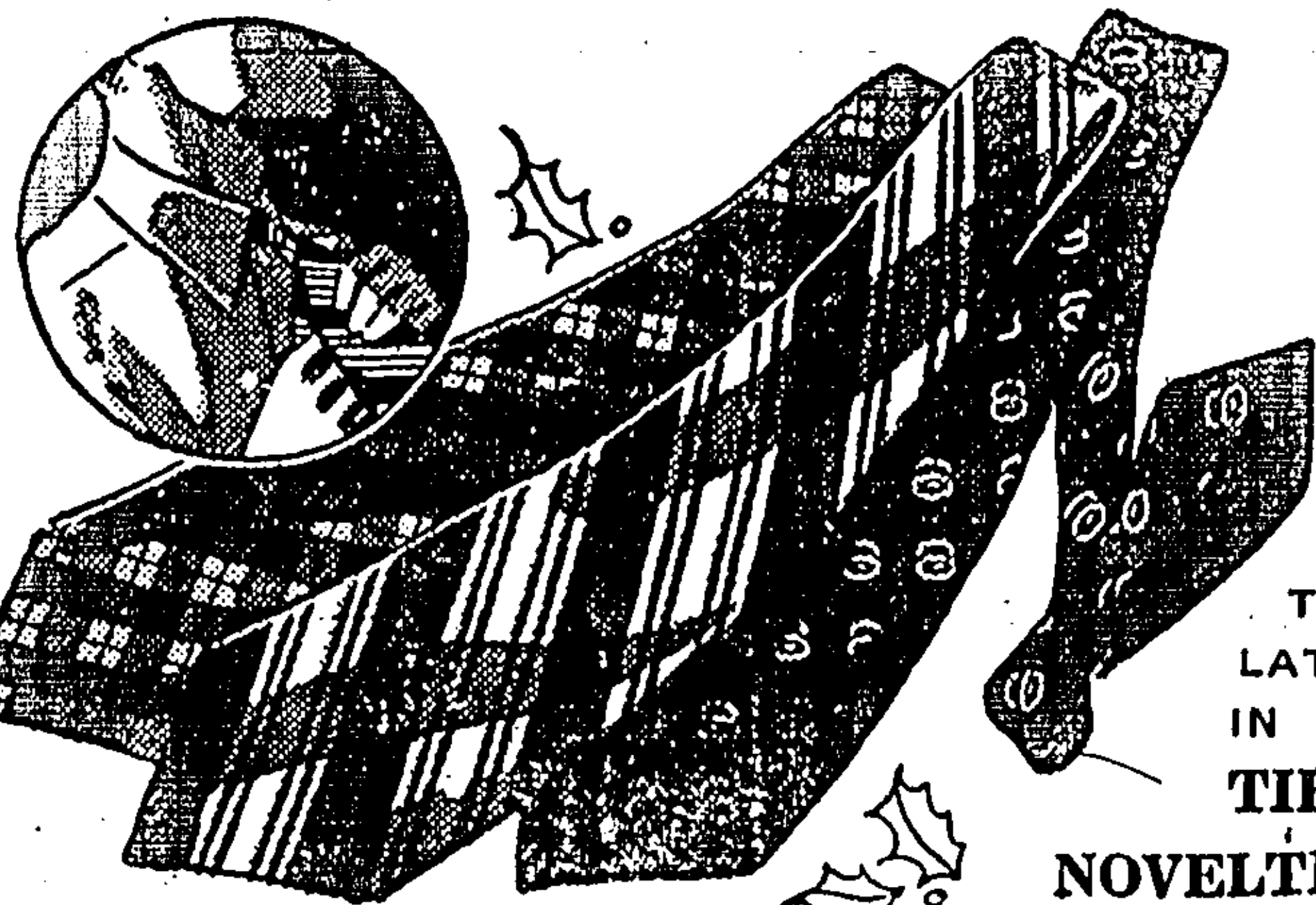
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Santiago de Chile, To-day.

The German merchantman Dusseldorf (5,000 tons) has been sunk by a British warship.

The Chilean Government has instructed the warship Arauco to proceed to the spot and rescue survivors.

The Dusseldorf, owned by the North German Lloyd, left Valparaiso on Wednesday evening.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Settlement police were kept busy all day yesterday as a wave of rice riots swept over the city.

Twenty-one Chinese rice shops were looted in the Settlement and one in the French Concession, and there have been over 70 arrests.

The extent of the loss suffered by the shops is not known. In many cases they were damaged during the rioting.

The police were most reluctant to use force on the rioters, the majority of whom were the poorest class of men, women and children, but in some cases they fired into the air in order to disperse the crowds.

Most of the riots took place in the western district close to the outside roads area. Some of the riots are reported to have been organised with a view to creating disturbances in the foreign areas.

The price of first grade rice has declined a dollar, and is being sold at present at \$42 a picul, while the price of second grade rice has decreased \$2.—Reuter.

DASH TO ESCAPE BY GRAF SPEE PREDICTED

(Continued from Page 1.)

what action to take towards the Graf Spee.

Most of the crews of vessels sunk by the Graf Spee were placed on board an unarmed ship which is still at large.

The wreaths at the funeral of the Graf Spee's dead included one inscribed "To the memory of brave men of the sea from their comrades of the British Merchant Service."

In London yesterday, an Admiralty communique issued at 7.45 last evening, announced that four were killed and three wounded in H.M.S. Achilles during the engagement with the Graf Spee.—Reuter.

PHOTOGRAPHS IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Damage to the Graf von Spee is such that she can still navigate, reports from Montevideo state.

Photographs sent by wireless have been received in London and show the actual damage done. Naval experts who have examined them say that the Nazi pocket-battleship's 11-inch guns are out of action. The ship itself, however, can still put to sea.

Five British warships are now outside the mouth of the River Plate and the Graf von Spee has the choice of being interned for the rest of the war or of coming out to be sunk.

The 62 British seamen on board the Graf von Spee have been landed in Montevideo. Some of them are from two merchantmen which have not previously been reported lost. They said that they counted 17 hits.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

It is now learned that five Messerschmidts were shot down in the air attack on the German coast on Thursday.

It is confirmed that British losses were only three bombers.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, To-day.

The Uruguayan Government, it is reported, has given the Graf Spee 72 hours in which to leave or be interned, according to a Montevideo despatch.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

A Red Army communique states that Soviet troops continued the advance from the direction of Murmansk.—Reuter.

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